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## Briefly

### Six rehab sites

As the Christmas in April project here for 1994, six homes throughout the community are to be repaired. Christmas in April programs, currently serving 228 cities in 37 states, will rehabilitate 4,000 homes in 1994, all belonging to low-income people, particularly the elderly and disabled.

The work will be done with the help of 120,000 skilled and unskilled volunteers. Those wishing to volunteer their services or who would like to donate materials may call 876-0024 (materials) or 931-2711 (volunteer work).

New members who recently joined the board of directors are Bill Eck, maintenance supervisor for Anderson Hospital, Maryville; the Rev. Bruce Rushing, pastor of Nidringhaus United Methodist Church; and Karen Poole of Equitable Real Estate, St. Louis.

Christmas in April Tri-Cities Area will sponsor a booth at the Homebuilders Show at STU at Edwardsville on March 25-27.

### Easter crafts

Holy Family Catholic parish, 2606 Washington Ave., will hold a fish fry and Easter craft show from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 25, and also from 3 to 7 p.m. Good Friday, April 1.

The event will take place on the second floor of the Community Center.

### Lions pancakes

Madison Lions will hold their annual pancake and sausage breakfast on Palm Sunday, March 27, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location will be the Madison Recreation Center, Seventh Street and Lee Avenue. Cost will be \$3.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children aged 12 and younger.

### VFW fish fry

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1300 and Auxiliary will host a fish fry Friday evening at 21st Street and Washington Avenue. There will be cod, buffalo, jack salmon and whole catfish.

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## Deaths

Willard Bess  
Bobby Groh  
Gertrude Leary  
Ted Schaefer  
Sidney Soncek

## 75 years ago

March 24, 1919  
Residents of Granite City strongly disagree with legislators and top government leaders that the answer to the present financial dilemma is a sales tax increase.

## Trivia

Who was the "other woman" who came between Frankie and Johnnie in the popular song?

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# Need cited for new grade school

## Balen gets raise, 3-year contract

Superintendent of Schools Steve Balen will receive a retroactive salary increase of \$4,000 and a contract extension of three years.

Following an hour-long executive session Tuesday night, the School Board voted unanimously to grant Balen a salary increase of \$4,000 for this school year, retroactive to July 1, 1993.

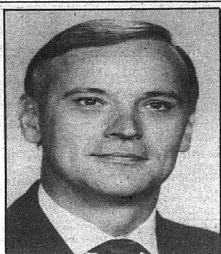
The increase brings Balen's annual salary to \$72,000.

The board also voted 4-3 to extend Balen's contract, which would otherwise have expired next June 30, for three more years.

The salary for the three additional years must be determined at a later date.

Board Members Eldin Rea, Jeff Parker, Carolyn Nemeth and Jim Noeth voted in favor of the extension.

Board President Monroe Worthen, Vice President Walt Whitaker and Member Pete Novacich all voiced their opposition to multiple-year contracts before voting against the measure.



Steve Balen

"Steve, you do a great job and have all my confidence. I am just opposed to multi-year contracts," Novacich said.

## Board decides on top goals

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

Renovation of Granite City High School and construction of a new elementary school are the top priorities of the Granite City School Board.

The related issue of reducing class sizes is also a high priority, according to a list of the board's goals and objectives presented to the administration Tuesday night.

Renovation of the high school building and construction of an elementary school on the Nameoki School property were listed first on the priority list. The fire-damaged Nameoki building is no longer usable.

While the district developed architectural plans for a high school renovation in 1990, the cost of a complete renovation was projected at about \$14 million. The matter has not been a major topic of discussion since that time.

"It hasn't been talked about a lot lately, but it is definitely something that is needed," Superintendent Steve Balen said.

The (high school) building was constructed in 1927. Its wiring is old and the building is not really what you would want in terms of a modern high school facility," he said.

The district had two high schools — GCHS North and GCHS South — from July 1973 to July 1989.

The schools were combined and the newer building on the north end of town was closed in 1989. Rented for the next two years to Belleville Area College, it was then sold to BAC, which established it as the BAC Granite City Campus.

The move to close North was one in a series of 1983 cost-saving moves that included consolidation of the three junior high schools into two buildings and closure of four elementary schools. Lower enrollment figures allowed the consolidation.

But with enrollment once again on the rise, district administrators have been strapped for space, especially at the elementary level.

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# School pay cuts fail, 4-3

## Board delays action on proposal

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

School officials in Granite City want to wait on a proposal to cut back on certain administrative positions next year.

By a narrow 4-3 margin Tuesday night, the School Board tabled a proposal to make three administrative positions 10- or 11-month-a-year jobs from their current year-round status and to move the supervisor of insurance position back one category in the administrative salary schedule to the category it was in last year.

The proposal would save the district \$15,700 over the course of the 1994-95 school year, it was estimated.

School Superintendent Steve Balen said the administrative staff is currently studying cost-reduction measures, but that Tuesday night's proposal was not a part of that study.

The proposal marked the first time in about 10 years that the board publicly considered administrative cuts for existing personnel. In that period, the district's unofficial philosophy has been to cut personnel costs by attrition.

Proponents of the proposal cited the district's state financial "watch list" status, a projected increase in district medical costs this year by about \$350,000 over what had been budgeted, and their belief that the district must "tighten its belt" to get off the watch list.

But the majority of the board felt that the issue should be researched more thoroughly by the administration and that a less disruptive plan could be formulated.

"I agree we need to get off the watch list. But I think (Balen and Finance Director Norm Owca) can come up with a much better plan than this; one that is fair to kids, fair to the taxpayers and fair to employees," Board Member Carolyn Nemeth said.

Board President Monroe Worthen, Vice President Walt Whitaker and Member Pete Novacich supported the cost-cutting plan.

"Leadership starts at the top," Worthen said.

"If you don't expect people at the top to make sacrifices, how can you expect anyone else to make sacrifices?" Worthen asked.

"(This proposal) does not hurt kids. It does not hurt anyone. It is watching the money for the taxpayers," Worthen said.

Under the proposal, one high school assistant-principal position — currently a 12-month job — would become a 10-month position, resulting in \$2,698 savings in salary and pension.

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Nemeth



Worthen

Homework help — Glenna Moore, coordinator for Prather's Homework Help program, goes over an English assignment with seven-year-old Amy Fernandez during an afternoon session of Homework. See Page 5A for story and photos.

(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

# Pontoon expanding water service

By Amber M. Rogers  
Correspondent

For many residents of Pontoon Beach, the wait for city water service is over.

"Everything is looking good," said R. Douglas Mitchem, operations manager for distribution at Illinois American Water Company.

"If we get approvals from the ICC (Illinois Commerce Commission) and our board of directors, it will all be set to go."

Pontoon Beach residents awaiting approval for water connections reside in an area from Highway 162 to Lake Drive, going south on Lake Drive to State Aid Route 35, and along State Aid 35 to the Holiday Mobile Home Park, including the park itself.

The entire length of Virginia Avenue and a part of Arlington Drive, extending about one mile off of State Aid 35, are also waiting for approval, Mitchem said.

Those waiting for city water currently depend on well water, said Mary Rowden, deputy village clerk.

The length of the wait for water service depends on two factors, Mitchem said.

"We have what we call certificated areas, which are areas that Illinois American, through the ICC, has the

'The cost to the individual is none. There's no tap-on fees, and it will be a great thing for everyone involved.'

— Bob Vincent

authority to serve. The area of State Aid 35 is not a certificated area, for example.

"The ICC has to approve the extension of certificated areas, and that is why they held hearings."

"Once, and if, the ICC approves the extension of the certificated areas, our board of directors has to approve funds to expand the water lines," he said.

According to Mitchem, the decisions by the ICC and water company (See WATER, Page 11A)

# Police lament possible end of MEGSI unit

## Clinton crime plan would cut funding

The biggest weapons against drug trafficking in this area may be bolstered if President Clinton's anti-crime proposal is passed, law enforcement officials warn.

The Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southwestern Illinois, which covers an area including Madison County, could be devastated by Clinton's proposal to eliminate two drug-traffic grant programs to help pay for more police on the street.

Maj. Kip Pomeroy, assistant Granite City police chief, said the city currently provides one police officer to MEGSI.

In about 30 MEGSI cases in Granite City from March through December 1993, agents

from MEGSI seized 55 grams of crack cocaine, 7½ pounds of cocaine, 351 pounds of marijuana and large amounts of other illegal drugs.

"But we could not afford to provide a man plus the additional cost necessary to keep MEGSI operating (after the grant cuts). The net result would be that we would have to withdraw our man from MEGSI," Pomeroy said.

"Withdrawal of our man from MEGSI means MEGSI would no longer come to our town. Thus, we would be obligated to do all levels of drug enforcement ourselves."

Illinois State Police Director Jerry Gainer was joined by numerous sheriffs and police

chiefs in a series of news conferences Tuesday aimed at convincing Congress and the Clinton administration of the need for the anti-drug-abuse programs.

Illinois receives about \$15 million a year from the two programs. If they are eliminated, an estimated 162 experienced and specialized drug investigators will be cut from task forces around the state, Gainer said.

Clinton has proposed eliminating the programs and others to shift money into his plan to put 100,000 more officers on the street.

Gainer said that, so far, only 81 additional police in Illinois have been announced under the plan.

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# Many drug arrests here

By Mike Myers  
Staff writer

Granite City police officials say that last year — in return for its contribution of one full-time police officer — the Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southern Illinois helped rid Granite City of more illegal drugs than most regions known to exist.

In the course of its investigations, MEGSI agents spent nearly \$16,000 to purchase illegal drugs in Granite City. Among the Granite City MEGSI cases last year were:

- A "mule" with about 100 pounds of marijuana who was found at a motel just outside Granite City.
- A resident of Kirkpatrick Homes who was a source for crack cocaine.
- A crack cocaine dealer working out of a Granite City motel room.
- A Lincoln Place resident with a pound of marijuana.
- A Granite City resident who was falsifying documents to obtain

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# Big beer bottles littering Venice

## Businesses may be asked to take responsibility

By Mike Myers  
Staff writer

If empty 40-ounce glass beer bottles were valuable, Venice would be sitting on top of a gold mine.

But as it is, bottles littering streets, sidewalks and vacant lots are a nuisance and danger, with so little value that even professional recyclers wouldn't take them if they were gift wrapped.

Alderman Henry Fletcher, who said he sweeps up piles of bottle glass a couple of times a week, said Tuesday that "enough is enough."

"These people (who buy the 40-ounce bottles) never put them in the trash can — they just drop them on the corner or the curb or wherever they are."

"There's two or three factions (of drinkers) and when the factions get to fighting, they start throwing bottles," Fletcher said.

Fletcher said the businesses that sell the bottles should be made to take some responsibility for the problems the bottles create.

Mayor Tyrone Echols suggested that Fletcher approach the businesses and see if something can be worked out.

Alderman Michael Terrell said some cities have banned 40-ounce bottles because those cities have determined that the bottles were being used as weapons.

He asked if Venice could do the same thing.

City Attorney Casper Nighoshian said the city could ban the sale of 40-ounce glass con-

tainers within its limits, "but they are sold in Madison, St. Louis and elsewhere and there's nothing you can do about that."

Nighoshian said people caught throwing down bottles could be charged under existing city ordinances.

"It means a \$100 fine and I will prosecute," he said.

But Terrell said it is unrealistic to expect the already over-worked police department to be "chasing" bottle throwers.

Fletcher said some places had a mandatory deposit for bottles, a deposit that is refunded when the bottles are returned to the store.

But he said that, in recent years, most recycling places have stopped taking glass and that the few places still taking glass don't pay enough to make hauling it there worthwhile.

Alderman George Wade said that, if the city outlawed public drinking, the bottles would not be ending up on the street.

Several aldermen said the city already prohibits public drinking, but the prohibition has proved impossible to enforce.

City Health Inspector John Henry Williams said citizens need to start reporting public drinking and bottle throwing, and the people need to be fined.

"Then, if these people say they can't pay the fine, make them work off the fine by picking up the bottles and the rest of the trash," Williams said.

"It's time these people did something for the city."



(Photo by DIANA KINDER)

**Teachers honored** — Granite City High School Vocal and Swing Choir director Gail Mueller, right, was one of several teachers who serve as a club or extracurricular sponsor who were honored by Magna Bank. Also pictured is student Eric Terrell, one of the presenters of the award.

## Madison committee session delayed

By Mike Myers  
Staff writer

A meeting Tuesday to "iron out the bugs" in the assessment and collection of trash fees in Madison never made it inside City Hall.

The aldermen were scheduled to meet as a "committee of the whole" with the Street Committee at 5:30 p.m., but at 6:15 p.m. Aldermen Ron Grzywacz and Ralph Miller were the only aldermen to have arrived and were waiting outside City Hall.

The meeting was called to discuss problems encountered after the first-ever trash fee billing in February and changes that need to be made before the next billing in April.

The \$9-a-month fee was approved in August and the first billing was for September through December.

After the first bills were sent out, the aldermen agreed to exempt residences that were empty for an entire calendar month from fees for that month.

The City Council also decided to accept payment by check.

But those and other changes have not yet been codified in ordinance form.

Mayor John Bellico, City Clerk Bill Weidner, Street Superintendent Robbie Robbins, Building Inspector Mike Foley and City Attorney Casper Nighoshian were also outside City Hall on Tuesday waiting for the meeting to begin.

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## Precinct election results

These are official, certified results of the March 15 primary election of local precinct committeemen as reported by Madison County Clerk Evelyn Bowles and the canvassing board:

### Democrats

NAMEOKI 1: M. Dell Whitsell of Granite City 92, Susan Bryant of Granite City 72, unopposed.

NAMEOKI 2: Cheryl Reed of Madison 157, unopposed.

NAMEOKI 3: Joseph Garcia of Granite City 48, unopposed.

NAMEOKI 4: William "Bill" Ellis of Collinsville 82, unopposed.

NAMEOKI 5: Helen Hawkins of Granite City 110, unopposed.

NAMEOKI 6: James "Jim" Noeth of Granite City 77, unopposed.

NAMEOKI 7: Ken Davis of Granite City 142, unopposed.

NAMEOKI 8: Ronald Briggs of Granite City 91, unopposed.

NAMEOKI 9: Judy Merritt of Granite City 185, unopposed.

NAMEOKI 10: Bob Meyer of Granite City 44, unopposed.

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Due to space and time constraints, reservations are required and space is limited. Reservations can be made by calling the hospital's education department at 288-5711, extension 447, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Anyone planning to attend the screenings should wear loose-fitting clothing and enter through the hospital's main entrance.

According to the American Cancer Society, more than 600,000 Americans will be newly diagnosed with skin cancer this year. In 1993, malignant melanoma — the most serious form of skin cancer — claimed an estimated 6,500 lives.

The incidence of malignant melanoma is increasing at a rate of four percent a year, faster than that of any other cancer.

People who are at particular risk of developing skin cancer include those with fair complexions — blonde, red or light-brown hair; and blue, gray or green eyes.

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# Opinion

## Editorials

### Vote a needed kick in pants

For those who still believe in "business as usual" for city government, the overwhelming vote in Granite City to cut the number of aldermen in half should serve as a clarion call. While the merits of reducing the council size can be debated, the message of the people cannot: City government must change.

The Melville Strategic Management Review of Granite City and Granite City Township Operations — which includes the proposal to cut the number of aldermen — recommends a number of changes designed to make government more efficient and give city taxpayers "more bang for the buck."

Some recommended changes in government were featured in a recent series of articles and editorials in the *Press-Record/Journal*. Changes we support are: • Eliminate the elected department heads. Department heads who are elected are likely to answer only to their own constituency and feel no loyalty or allegiance to other city goals and operations. One need only drive a block anywhere in any direction to see the total failure — or absence — of the citywide street maintenance plan.

• Eliminate township government. The services and functions of township government — general assistance, transportation, property assessment — are important. These services and functions do not, however, owe their existence to an extra level of government. The city can and should have direct control and responsibility for these services and functions.

• Put the mayor in charge and give him or her a city administrator to help run day-to-day operations. For too long, the various city departments have operated independently of one another, often performing redundant tasks. Far from cooperating, the various departments have sometimes had an adversarial relationship. We can no longer afford either the redundancy or the infighting.

• Consolidate and coordinate the inspection process. Nothing is more important to a city than the protection of its building and housing stock through inspection and enforcement. In the past, different inspectors from different departments looked for different things on different days. In addition to being frustrating, the lack of coordination and blurred lines of responsibility have resulted in problems and violations being ignored or overlooked.

Having fewer aldermen will mean each City Council member will face greater demands on his or her time. Aldermanic committees will have to be fewer and carry less responsibility. The mayor will need to be given the authority and support necessary to keep the city going.

So it is important that these recommended changes be made, or at least well under way, by the next city election — only a year away.

Some of these changes may require a decision by the voters. The aldermen need to identify those areas requiring a vote and have the appropriate questions ready in time to go on the November ballot.

The other changes need only aldermanic action and these need to be brought to the floor for debate and a final vote. The citizens of Granite City have said, and said loudly, that they are ready to see a drastic change in city government. City officials should view this month's election as a "swift kick in the pants" telling them it's time to make that change.

## Social graces, and privacy, have gone out the window

Carol Clarkin writes this weekly Edwardsville Journal column.

Back in the dear, dead days, almost beyond recall — my youth — there were certain social amenities which we were taught to observe and which currently appear to have become as extinct as the dodo.

In polite society, one did not argue politics or religion. Certain subjects were off limits for serious conversation.

One did not discuss others as to their income bracket or their sex lives, among other subjects.

I was reminded of those simple rules a few days ago when we received one of those deficit telephone calls, the purpose of which was to sell us something we didn't want.

For a welcome change, neither Ed nor I were showering at the time nor were we just sitting down to dinner — and was a whole lot more pleasant than I would have been.

The caller was interested in selling us a new and fabulous credit card.

Ed told the salesperson we already had all the credit cards we needed or wanted. Not interested. Ah, but did we realize what an amazingly low interest rate their card offered, she asked. Still not interested, he said.

She persisted with the sales pitch, eventually asking for his birth date, Social Security number and income bracket. That, of course, was where he (still polite) told her that none of this was any of her — or her company's — business.

What he actually said was, "Hey, lady, I don't know you from Adam's pet goat and I'm sure not going to answer any questions like those."

I would have been a great deal less pleasant, even though, like him, I realize the caller is just someone trying to earn a less than affluent living.

MYOB (mind your own business) is my response to anyone short of my banker or the IRS who asks me this.

To his credit, he did remind her that she initiated the call; he didn't call her. And that he not only was still uninterested, but that any information that she mailed us would be filed, unopened, in the waste basket.

I like to go a step farther with those folks.

I like to inform them that, since I never purchase anything offered to me by phone, I'd refuse to buy the authentic stone tablets brought down the mountain by Moses, even at bargain prices, if the offer came to me via Ma Bell.

In an era which stresses the rights of privacy as strongly as the present time, it seems strange indeed that total strangers feel no hesitancy in asking — and apparently expecting answers — what one's political affiliation or income is, where one attends church, the amount of one's limit or current debt.

I fully expect to get a phone call any day now, asking if there's a history of insanity in my family or what my sexual preferences are. These people, and the companies they represent, have no limits, no shame, and no sensitivity to the fact that their method of presenting their product is both an interference to another's life and an invasion of one's privacy.

A pox upon them all!

And, since it's one of my myob's — belyaching, there's another — and totally unrelated — matter which I neither understand nor like. When — and by whose initiative — did Madison and St. Clair counties become "East County"? I've started hearing the term used by some of our East-siders, tending to some unidentified interests, I assume.

Where's our bi-county pride? What's wrong with "Metro-East" as a descriptive geographical term? Isn't the Mississippi still the definitive state border?

This is a New-speak catch phrase which I, for one, hope dies a boring.



A SUIT? A BRIEFCASE? SUBPOENAS? JONES, YOU'RE TURNING THIS CIRCUIS INTO A WHITEWATER HEARING.

## Letters

### Revise state law on child custody

TO THE EDITOR: Regarding the recent spate of "intimidating, demanding and forceful" letters sent to Family Court judges, as reported in the March 6 edition of the *Journal*:

I must admit that, while I disagree completely with the methods of the writer of those letters, I understand the sentiment. Fathers have long been the target of unreasonable and unfair discrimination by the Family Court system.

In the vast majority of cases, mothers are given custody of children.

The reasoning behind this has always been based on the concept that mothers are more nurturing to children, that being in the custody of the mother is better for the child.

Also, there has always been the perception that males are simply not interested in raising children and, therefore, more likely to neglect children in their custody.

These concepts, and perceptions are now proving to be false and outmoded.

Males are quite capable of providing a safe and nurturing environment, and many have a deep interest in raising their children.

Another aspect of typical custody cases that favors the mother is the way that child support payments are made.

It is, of course, a father's responsibility to help financially support his children. But, once the divorce is final, the responsibility of helping to support his ex-wife should no longer be his.

Yet, males are expected to make payments directly to their ex-wives, with no control whatsoever over how that money is spent.

It is truly unreasonable for a responsible father to want assurance that the money he is providing for the support of his children is, in fact, being used for that purpose?

Judges have a very burdensome responsibility, and are only human; it's inevitable that mistakes will, occasionally, be made.

Perhaps some judges need to re-evaluate themselves and their own personal bias in these areas to avoid arbitrary decisions that are unfair to the father.

Inflammatory letters to judges are not the answer, though. Your article quotes Associate Judge Robert Hennessey as saying that "whoever wrote the letters... has perceived that judges do things that are not allowed by law."

I'm certain that, except in very rare cases, it is quite true that judges do what is allowed by law.

The real problem is that, just because something is a law, this does not necessarily make it right.

When any law is enacted, it is because the lawmakers believed, at the time, that the law was good, fair and necessary.

Times change, and often the laws need to be changed to keep up.

What is now needed are changes to the laws that govern these family issues: the place to start making those changes is with the legislators who make the laws, not the judges who enforce them.

I am not a father and have never been married, so I can only imagine the pain that was behind those letters to the judges.

What the writer of those letters did was wrong, no question. But I'm forced to wonder how badly he may have been wronged by some unfair and dis-

### Opposes federal health controls

TO THE EDITOR: A mass deception is being played upon us all. There is a lot of jabber going on in the media about "health care." It's very frightening to witness.

They're all hawking back and forth about the political slant this way and that way, but not really addressing the main issue that should be discussed.

Namely, the main issue is that instituting a government-run health-care industry would make all the health-care professionals and every medical setting under government regulation and control.

Imagine the government having control of everyone's complete medical profile, even down to your DNA structure and the blood and serum samples taken. This, by the way, is done at birth.

Imagine all of your personal profile being tucked away neatly, and completely legally, by the government.

Imagine knowledge of everyone's flaws being government property.

Imagine having no legal recourse for any of that information being used for "government purposes" in the "nation's best interest."

Reflect a moment upon the horrendous state this is.

Think about the extent of corruption and power madness already present in our other "government agencies."

Imagine your whole physical and mental well-being subject to the control of the people who now run your government.

This is what should be talked about, screamed from the roof tops, even.

This is what's being camouflaged and played down most expertly. Imagine that!

SHERRI PERKINS Granite City

### Letters defend free town buses

TO THE EDITOR: Please do not take away our township bus service. I do not drive and it helps us so much if we do not have a car.

That is one reason why I moved to Granite City and would hate to lose this free transportation. I really need this help.

DORIS HAWTHORNE Granite City

As a senior citizen of Granite City, I'm requesting we keep the bus running, for we need them.

ROSE GUM, Granite City

I live here at 2317 Winters Drive in the Anchorage Senior Citizen Homes. My only way to the doctor's office and other places where transportation is needed is the bus service.

I would be desperate without this service.

HELEN MOSOLYGO Granite City

We really need our township bus. We see our friends, go to the hospital, get our medicine and get our groceries.

I'm elderly and can't walk very much. I love the bus. I can't wait for the shuttle bus in the winter. Please.

GRACE BEESLEY, Granite City

I do not wish the township bus to be taken away. There are people out here who use the bus

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A SUIT? A BRIEFCASE? SUBPOENAS? JONES, YOU'RE TURNING THIS CIRCUIS INTO A WHITEWATER HEARING.

### Partisan criticism won't fool public

TO THE EDITOR: Are we as voters really supposed to be as naive as the current bout of petty partisan politics taking place in Edwardsville?

I am referring to (Madison County Auditor) Fred Bathon's investigation of cellular-telephone and pager usage by county officials. This is nothing more than a political game of "gotcha."

Every spring in an election year, candidates try to dredge

up old and meaningless issues in an attempt to put an opposing party's candidate in a bad light.

But this one is backfiring, mainly because voters, such as myself, are tired of these wastes of our tax dollars.

The waste I am referring to is not (Madison County Treasurer) John Shimkus' March 1992 cellular-phone bill or his current use of a pager. I am upset with Bathon's and (County Board Member) Bill Little's investigation.

How much tax money will they waste with this charade? Why not audit them?

If Fred Bathon was doing his job for the last couple of years, why hasn't he instituted adequate financial controls to avoid this alleged problem, if it is even a problem?

Why did he wait until an election year to investigate Beepergate? Is his past silence due to ineptitude, or petty partisan politics? Either way, he is the one with egg on his face.

As far as Shimkus is concerned, I voted for him to do a job, and if he feels he is a more effective administrator because of a cellular phone, or pager, that is his call.

In the voting booth I will evaluate him on his job performance, such as returning his pay increase and getting a better return on investments than neighboring counties, not how I, or the Democrats, would micromanage his office.

Surely, if he was elected to invest and handle millions of dollars of tax money, he can decide what administrative tools he needs, especially if the costs are approved in the budget and approved for payment by a department controlled by Democrats.

Being an elected official means having to answer to the re-election or run for another office.

Just because John Shimkus was responsible enough to stay in contact with his office instead of leaving it in the hands of an assistant, the Democrats want to persecute him in the media. Good luck; the voters are too smart. However, if any of Shimkus' bills were personal, they should not be paid by our tax dollars.

A word of advice to Bathon and Little: Don't run for election solely on your records; you will probably lose.

CHARLES B. GUERSVIK Troy

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## Celebration greet 90th birthday



**Maxine  
Green**

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The Senior Christian Adult and Christian Singles met Thursday in the Third Baptist Church, hosted by Evelyn Miles and Vera Kirkpatrick. Earl Spalding entertained the group with several of his famous readings and Dorothy Watkins lead a sing-along with Louise Acocks accompanying on the piano.

Plans were made to meet at Buzz's Family Restaurant, 1300 Madison Ave., on Tuesday, April 19, for the next meeting.

Chili and desserts were served to Evelyn Miles, Olive Joyner, Vicki Elmore, Dorothy Teller, Myra Grote, Velma Rice, Cleo Slusher, Clifford Suhre, Louise Acocks, Freda Andrews, Julian Smith, Marge Laney, Al Landy, White Laura, Sternberg, Earl and Gertrude Spalding, Seney Sternberg, Mable Lowell, Ella Pierre, Vernie Andrews, Marie Bouson, Hilda Martin, Birdie Meyenburg, Wilma Niemeyer, Dorothy Watkins, Vera Kirkpatrick, Norma Rains and Zane Miller.

The Phobian Class of Calvary Baptist Church met on March 15 in the church with Brother Moser, the teacher, opening the meeting and Thelma Phelps leading the prayer of several members who were ill.

Sandy Silener was the special guest speaker from Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church. She was a member of an evangelistic team to Samar last September.

A short business meeting was held and a vote taken to give \$25 to the building fund on Sunday and to give \$25 to the Annie Armstrong Easter offering.

The next meeting will be on April 12 at Calvary Baptist Church. Irene Wilkinson will be the hostess, and the devotional will be given by Mary Alice Weiss.

Sidener told about her trip to Russia. She said she had her passport taken away. It was a long time before they could go any further. They flew in a Russian plane that was very crudely made. The hospitals over there were more than 50 years behind those of America and were very dirty. The group was gone two weeks, but were in Russia only nine days. They walked for miles at a time to get to other places.

Phyllis Knight, hostess, served refreshments to Henry Moser, Irene Wilkinson, Elizabeth Phillips, Lueda Propp, Wilma Mac Reed, Grace Cruse, Thelma Phelps, Mary Hoover, Mary Alice Weiss and the guest, Sandy Silener.

Anna Michaels was the honoree at a birthday party to celebrate her 90th birthday Sunday, March 6, at the Granite City Township Hall. The affair was hosted by her daughter and son-in-law, Dr. James A. and Milli Stoffer of Santa Barbara, Calif.; and Raymond G. and Josephine Uram of Granite City.

Special guests were Juanita Gruber of Keokuk, Iowa, Anna's sister-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. Michael Stoffer and daughters, Laura Kelly and Jessica, of Greeley, Colo.; Stephen Stoffer of Pueblo, Colo.; Daniel Stoffer of Greeley; and Patrick Stoffer of Aurora, Colo.

Two young great-granddaughters, Sarah and Emily Stoffer, were unable to attend.

Others attending were Dr. Jan J. Uram, Vicki Chacon, Flax Chacon and Mary M. Uram, all of Granite City; Mr. and Mrs. Michael R. Uram and children, Andrew and Katherine, of Naperville; Joseph S. Uram of Glen Carbon; and Stephen Uram of Springfield, Ill.

Dr. Gary A. and Ann Marie Maassen of England, stationed at Lakinheath Air Force Base, were unable to attend. Ann Marie is the former Ann Marie Uram.

Milli Stoffer gave a parody of "This is Your Life" with Anna's life beginning in Bavaria, Germany, and introduced all of the aforementioned family members. Seven large "This is Your Life" photo posters were on display showing Anna's life and memories. A video taping was provided for many friends and family members to share special memories with Anna.

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# Making homework worry-free

## Prather School volunteers help students gain confidence

By Mike Myers  
Staff writer

Glenna Moore greets the children each morning as they enter Prather Elementary School.

"Did you do your homework?" she asks. "Did your mom or dad get a chance to look at it?" When Moore sees that "certain kind of look" that tells her a child is not happy with his or her homework assignment, she presses a little farther.

"Would you like me to look it over?" she asks. "Why not come with me and we'll work it out together?"

Moore is the driving force behind the Prather Parent-Teacher Association's Homework Help program.

The program began last spring for fourth, fifth and sixth grade pupils. It was expanded this year to include all grades.

A pool of 15 volunteers holds two daily sessions — before school and at lunch — to provide children with one-on-one help with homework and class assignments.

"The children think it's great to be able to go into class knowing their homework has been done well," Moore said.

"It gives them confidence and makes them believe in themselves. I believe, and I know our volunteers believe, that this makes the children more receptive in the classroom."

To avoid the possibility of a stigma being attached to the help, Moore said, the program has avoided having children "sign in" or having any formal method of taking attendance.

But, she said, an informal count in the past couple of weeks showed that between 15 and 30 children make use of the program each day.

"We have one volunteer (here) through RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program at Belleville Area College) and some parents and grandparents. And we have quite a few people from the Army Depot," Moore said.

"We try to have three to four volunteers a session. Our aim is to make sure no one is pressured to be here more than one hour a week. But there aren't always enough volunteers."

As a result, Moore is at the school every day.

The wife of an Army officer, Moore and her family came to live at the U.S. Army's Melvin Price Center about a year ago from a similar Army depot in Virginia. With her she brought the seed of the idea for a parent-help program.

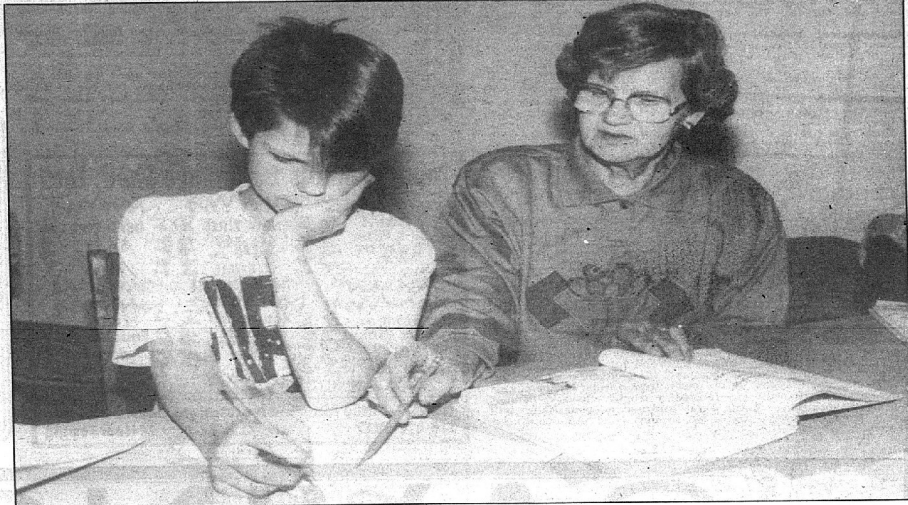
Prather Elementary is a unique school, Moore said. It is a very large school with a 37 percent mobility rate.

About 68 percent of the pupils come from families whose income is low enough to qualify for reduced-price meal rates.

But Moore said the most unique thing about Prather is also the most exciting.

"These are the brightest kids I've ever met," she said. "Oh, some of them don't know it, but they are."

"We want them to capture that excitement for learning. I



(Staff photos by FAM DOEPKE-HURD)

11-year-old Prather School student Derek Speece gets some help with a mathematics problem from volunteer Rose Kayser.

"We want them to capture that excitement for learning. I wish these children could see how bright and wonderful they really are. I think we have been able to turn on the light bulb for some of them."

— Glenna Moore

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"I think we have been able to turn on the light bulb for some of them."

The combination of a large number of pupils and a small lunch room at Prather means that pupils end up spending part of their lunch break sitting in classrooms.

"For some, it was a time to get in trouble," Moore said. "So we targeted those children."

"We found that, as their performance in school improved, their behavior got better and they felt better about themselves."

Prather Principal Steve Davis has been very supportive of the program, Moore said.

Also supportive, she said, are the teachers — even the teachers who were at first a little leery of parental involvement in the teaching process.

"I'm not sure why, but teachers in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades aren't used to parents becoming involved in their child's school work. So they become very independent and

may worry about parents interfering with the way they teach," Moore said.

"But we're not here to interfere; we're here to help. And I think everyone appreciates help."

"I know the education system has its hands full just trying to give my three sons an education. They are three boys with three very different learning styles."

Moore said the volunteers in the program bring a variety of experience. Some have college degrees in education, but others have degrees ranging from pharmacy to criminal justice.

"And we have one parent who just got her GED (high school equivalency certificate)," Moore said. "She is the most enthusiastic person about learning I've ever seen. She is also the best at doing math."

Moore said the volunteers have "sort of figured out" subject specialties based on their strengths and backgrounds and are able to steer children with difficulties in those subjects to the best volunteer.

"We are also able to match the learning style of the children with the learning style of the

volunteers," she said. While Moore's grandparents, parents and siblings all became teachers, she said, "I decided to follow a different path."

She earned a bachelor's degree in sociology and a master's degree in urban planning and community affairs.

But while she has followed her husband through nine moves in 20 years, Moore's actual career path has tended toward education.

She has taught both kindergarten and preschool and currently teaches an early-childhood learning class at Belleville Area College.

And, Moore said, urban planning and education are not entirely different areas.

"We need to take a survey of the assets in our community — our cultural, ethnic and racial diversity, our variety of education, careers, trades and skills — and then put those assets to work for our children," Moore said.

For example, she said, one of the volunteers in the program was fluent in Spanish.

"She came in every day last year to help a sixth grader who couldn't speak English," Moore said. "She did the same thing

this year for a first grader."

Program volunteers have been very active in the French and Spanish clubs at the school, Moore said, and she hopes other clubs can be formed in the near future.

"We'd like to get an engineer from the (Army) depot to lead a math club. We'd like someone else to put together a computer club," Moore said. "We have people in our community with experience and expertise. Let's share that with our children."

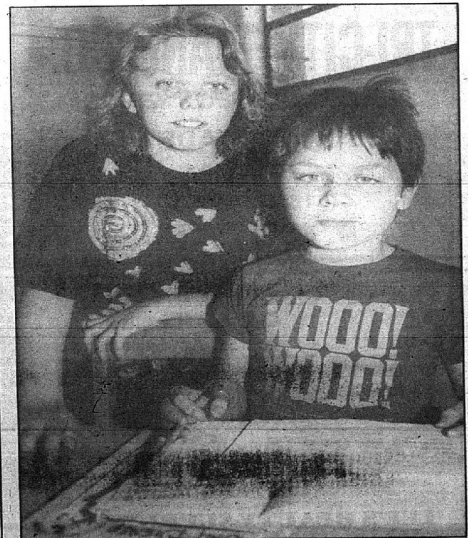
The Price Center has begun to increase its support for Prather and the volunteer program, Moore said, and she hopes the relationship will continue to grow.

She said Southern Illinois University and Belleville Area College have been approached for support and both have responded positively so far.

"I know I sound like I'm in a hurry — I want everything to happen right now," Moore said. "Maybe it's because I know I may not be here that long."

"We're off to such a good start and I want to make sure this is something that lasts."

"These kids are so bright and we owe them the opportunity to excel."



Student helper Brandy Johnson, 11, left, with one of her students, Bruce Jones, whom she was helping with a book report.



Gail Joyce, left, a Prather PTA volunteer, looks over Jessica Simpson's English assignment.



•Green

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ories of Anna.

Anna received three overseas congratulatory telephone calls from her nephew and his wife, Karl and Angelira Brutscher of Miesbach, Bavaria; Monika Brutscher of Munich; and from her granddaughter and her husband, Mrs. and Dr. Gary A. Maassen, from England.

The hall was decorated with colors of red, white and blue napkins and balloons. The centerpiece for each table was a small American and German flag. Cake, punch and coffee was served to many friends and rela-

A mass celebration on Saturday, March 5, at Holy Family Catholic Church preceded the birthday party. The celebrant was Rev. Bill Fisherkeller, pastor. Music was provided by the organist, Chris Dickmeyer. Anna's grandson, Daniel Stoffler,

was the guest soloist. He sang "It's a Wonderful World," "Ava Maria" and "The Lord's Prayer." The Home League Women's Group meeting was held Tuesday, March 8, at the Salvation Army Corps Hall. Ten guests attended from the Belleville Salvation Army Corps.

Mrs. Miller gave the opening prayer and Maxine Rutter had the devotional. Prayer requests were taken. Time was spent in making and putting Easter wreaths together. Doris Stark asked the blessing on the lunch being served to the 25 members who were present.

On March 16, a prayer breakfast was held at the Euclid Salvation Army Corps. A family meeting will be held in the hall for the church. The theme will be a country fair and you are invited to bake your favorite

The Women's Home League will also hold a rummage sale on April 7 and 8 at the hall.

## Horseradish Festival Pageant open

The fifth annual Little Miss Horseradish Festival Pageant will be held Saturday, May 7, in Woodland Park, Collinsville, in conjunction with the seventh annual International Horseradish Festival.

Contestants are now being sought to participate in the pageant. All contestants must be 4, 5 or 6 years of age and live in Madison or St. Clair counties the Horseradish Capital of the World.

Entrants must submit their names, addresses and phone numbers to Miss Grimm, 220 Hadley, Collinsville, 62234. Entries

The Little Miss pageant will be limited to 30 contestants. If more entries are received, a drawing will be held at 10 a.m. Sunday, April 10, at Country Companies Insurance, 850 Vandalia, Collinsville. Coun-

All contestants will appear in the party dress of their choice. Little Miss Horseradish will receive a trophy, flowers, banner crown and \$100 savings bond. First and second runners-up will receive a trophy, flowers, and a \$50 savings bond. All contestants will receive a gift.

**By Martin Richter**  
Staff writer

On Saturday night, a couple living just outside Troy became the

The couple — who were not being identified by Illinois Lottery officials on Monday — matched all six numbers in Saturday's Lotto drawing to become the single winners of a jackpot worth just over \$40 million.

"It was our ninth highest jackpot ever, but it's the third highest single winner," said Margaret Pearson, a public information officer for the Illinois Lottery.

Troy Citgo, located at 437 Edwardsville Road in Troy, sold the winning ticket. The store got a visit from the winning ticket-holders on Sunday morning, said Manager Rob Bechtold.

Lottery Commission telling us we had sold the winning ticket,' Bechtold said. 'And about a half hour later, these smiling faces'—

"When they came in, they didn't know they were the sole winners," he said. "They knew they were winners, but one of their questions was how many winners there were. They were *really* excited when they found out."

Neither Illinois Lottery officials nor Bechtold would reveal the

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TNT (5)	Bugs	P. Panther	Various Programs									
LIFE (6)	Turtles	Ghostbusters	Ghostbusters	Sooby	Ten of Us	McDuffy						
ESPN (7)	Sports	Sports	Getting Fit	In Motion	Bodyshop	Sports						
DISC (8)	24 Hour	Paed. Prog.	Happy D	3's Ca.	Home	Various						
TBS (9)	11:30	Gilligan	Bewitched	Happy D	3's Ca.	Home						
TWC (10)	Today's Weather	Conan	What's the Weather	Today's Weather	Conan	What's the Weather						
WGN (11)	12:00	Classic Club	Conan	What's the Weather	Conan	What's the Weather						
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## WEEKDAY LATE NIGHT

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<b>BROADCAST STATIONS</b>												
KTVI (2)	News	Cur. Affair										
KMOV (3)	Today											
KSDK (4)	Today											
KNLG (5)	Various Programs	McCoy	Shape Up									
KDNL (6)	Rangers	Garfield	Melodrama	Gedgar	227							
KETC (7)	Body Elec.	Mr. Rogers	Sesame Street									
KPLR (11)	Today	DuckTales	Conan	P. Panther	Murphy							

## CABLE STATIONS

SC (2)	Money Wheel											
CNN (3)	Daybreak	Morning News										
NICK (4)	Muppet	Alvin	Elphaba	Dream-H								
TNT (5)	Bugs	P. Panther	Various Programs									
LIFE (6)	Turtles	Ghostbusters	Ghostbusters	Sooby	Ten of Us	McDuffy						
ESPN (7)	Sports	Sports	Getting Fit	In Motion	Bodyshop	Sports						
DISC (8)	24 Hour	Paed. Prog.	Happy D	3's Ca.	Home	Various						
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## SATURDAY MORNING MARCH 26, 1994

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<b>BROADCAST STATIONS</b>												
KTVI (2)	Today											
KMOV (3)	Today											
KSDK (4)	Today											
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KDNL (6)	Rangers	Garfield	Melodrama	Gedgar	227							
KETC (7)	Body Elec.	Mr. Rogers	Sesame Street									
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SC (2)	Money Wheel											
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NICK (4)	Muppet	Alvin	Elphaba	Dream-H								
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SHOW (15)	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie						
TWC (16)	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie						
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## SATURDAY EVENING MARCH 26, 1994

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<b>BROADCAST STATIONS</b>												
KTVI (2)	Today											
KMOV (3)	Today											
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## CABLE STATIONS

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HBO (14)	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie						
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## WEEKDAY AFTERNOON

	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30
<b>BROADCAST STATIONS</b>												
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KPLR (11)	Today	DuckTales	Conan	P. Panther	Murphy							

## CABLE STATIONS

CNN	2	Newsday		International Hour	EarlyPrims	Politics	EarlyPrims	Shewhiz	Waldy		Maneyme	
NICK	5	Flipper	Lonnie	Hay Dude	Weiner Jr	Looney	Crazy Kids	Solute	Temple	Looney	Looney	Bulwinkle
TNT	6	Movie			Movie							
USA	6	Joker's	Tic Tac	Press Luck	Scorable							
ESPN	6	Varied	Programs			Pyramid	MacGyver					
DISC	7	24 Hour	Varied	Cuisine	Bugs	Meat Out	Trucks	DH	Varied	Wings?	Wings?	
TBS	13	Movie	Conif	Graham	Planet	Cholesterol	Easy	Home	Pat Con	Marley	Before 2000	
TWC	36	Movie	Conif	Cops	Planet	Flintstones	Brady B	Movie	Saved-Bell	Gro's Plains	Goffin	Hillbilities
TWC	36	This Afternoon's Weather				Afternoon's Weather		This Evening's Weather				
WGN	12	Kojak		Design W	Hallo Sp	Yogi	Dewags	Flintstones	Saved-Bell	Sevend-Club	Fame	Design W
WHSL	10	Classic Club	Movie	Movie	Varied Programs					Classic Club		Varied Programs
AMC	28	Movie	Movie	Movie	Varied Programs						Movie	
TNN	35	Dance	Varied	Video/PM				Movie		Video/PM	Club Dance	
MTV	28	Videos	Varied	Totally Different Pauly	Grind	Lip Service	Most Wanted			Daily Date	Strawst	News
LIFE	30	Moonlightings		L.A. Low						Seppakem	Ship-Drop	Unvalsed Mysteries
HN	53	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News
FAM	26	George	Hakea Deal	Healthfiz	Marlo	Peppye	My Dog	Purky B	Stollion	K-C Gap	Lessie	Waltons
AAE	31	Varied Programs						Porky Story		Reckford Files		In Search Of



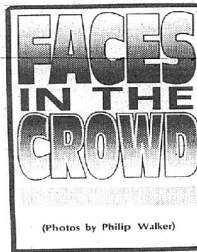




# Silver Streak



Dance time — Granite City senior citizens had a dancin' good time at the annual senior prom at Granite City High School, sponsored by the GCHS Student Council. Above left, a line dance attracts a large number of dancers. Above right, Bobbie Pisarek and Ike Smith enjoy a dance. Below right, Wade and Hazel Rollins take to the dance floor. In left middle photo, George Plofcan and Liz Payne fill out ticket stubs for door prizes. Below left, Dorothy Vasiloff is served by Tonya Genovese.



## How to reduce investment risk through dollar cost averaging

Need a savings plan? Here's one you're likely to stick with if you have a little discipline: Investing using dollar cost averaging. Dollar cost averaging is a time-tested investment strategy that can help you reduce investment risk. We'd all like to avoid risk whenever possible — especially when it comes to investing. In seeking the potential rewards of investing in the financial markets, though, you always have to accept some degree of risk; you can never predict when the markets will move up or down. But dollar cost averaging reduces that risk — and your anxiety — by eliminating the temptation to time the market. You don't have to be a sophisticated investor to dollar cost average; all you need is some will power and an amount of money you feel comfortable investing. To dollar cost average, you invest equal amounts of money on a regular schedule. You don't have to worry about whether you're buying at the market highs or lows. If an investment's market price is high, you buy fewer shares. When prices are low, you buy more shares. With dollar cost averaging, your average cost will always be less than the average market value of your investments. The following examples illustrate:

First, let's look at an example of dollar cost averaging during a period of rising prices.

Amount Invested (AI)	Purchase Price (PP)	Total shares (TS)
\$300 (AI)	\$5 (PP)	60 (TS)
\$300 (AI)	\$15 (PP)	20 (TS)
\$300 (AI)	\$10 (PP)	30 (TS)
\$300 (AI)	\$15 (PP)	20 (TS)
\$300 (AI)	\$25 (PP)	12 (TS)
\$1,500 (AI)	\$70 (PP)	142 (TS)
Average market price (\$70/5) = 14		
Average cost through dollar cost averaging (\$1,500/142) = \$10.56		

The next example shows how dollar cost averaging works during a period of fluctuating prices.

Amount Invested (AI)	Purchase Price (PP)	Total shares (TS)
\$300 (AI)	\$25 (PP)	12 (TS)
\$300 (AI)	\$15 (PP)	20 (TS)

Amount Invested (AI)	Purchase Price (PP)	Total shares (TS)
\$300 (AI)	\$20 (PP)	15 (TS)
\$300 (AI)	\$10 (PP)	30 (TS)
\$300 (AI)	\$5 (PP)	60 (TS)
\$1,500 (AI)	\$75 (PP)	137 (TS)
Average market price (\$75/5) = \$15		
Average cost (\$1,500/137) = \$10.95		

In both types of markets, dollar cost averaging keeps your average market price above your average cost because you invest equal amounts of money on a regular basis, rather than buy a fixed quantity of an investment. Although dollar cost averaging reduces risk, it cannot guarantee a profit or protect against losses in declining markets. Remember, always take a long-term view.

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# Silver Streak

## Social Security not just for retirement

By Bill Hunot  
Social Security Administration

Q. I wish I could take the money withheld for Social Security taxes and invest it myself in a private retirement plan. Couldn't I get a much higher return on my investment than I'll get from Social Security?

A. If given the opportunity, some people would invest their money wisely, live long lives, avoid disability and realize a greater return on their investments than they would get from Social Security. However, when you are judging the value of Social Security, you should remember what Social Security is, and what it is not.

Social Security is not an investment program. It is a "social insurance" program. In other words, unlike private retirement plans, Social Security has social objectives — such as raising the standard of living for low-income workers and offering financial security to families of all workers. Social Security keeps many elderly and disabled people off the welfare rolls. Social Security is also not just a

retirement plan. Retirement plans, such as individual retirement accounts, provide individual workers with retirement income relative to the success of their investments. Social Security taxes also pay for disability benefits for you, benefits for your family members should you die, and for Medicare coverage.

Social Security, which is backed by the full faith and credit of the federal government, is safer than a retirement plan. Even so-called "safe" investments such as state or local government mutual funds are subject to some risk for individual investors.

Social Security is safer in another way: It is safe from inflation. A private investment or retirement plan might not include cost-of-living increases as Social Security does.

Q. Social Security's a rip-off for people of my generation (I was born in 1950). We'll never get as much out of it as our parents' did. Why should I support a system like that?

A. Unquestionably, Social Security is a much better deal for most of the early

contributors to the program than it is today. But young people will not be "ripped off" by the system. For example, someone born in 1950 who has had average wages should expect to pay about \$295,000 in Social Security taxes and receive about \$2,400 per month in inflated dollars in retirement benefits. At that rate it would take you about 12 years to recover all the Social Security taxes you paid. If you have a spouse also receiving benefits, the two of you would receive about \$3,600 per month in benefits and would recover the taxes paid in less than eight years.

Don't discount the value of Social Security disability and survivors' benefits, either. You should request a Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement to learn how much you've paid in Social Security taxes and to get an estimate of the retirement, disability and survivors' benefits potentially due you. Call 1-800-772-1213.

Address questions for Bill Hunot to West County Publications, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, Mo. 63131.

## Get most from visit to doctor

If you have arthritis, you may have to visit your doctor often. The Arthritis Foundation suggests several tips to help you get the most from these visits:

- ✓ Before your visit, write down everything you want to discuss, as well as the names and dosages of the medicines you're taking.
- ✓ Answer your doctor's questions and report your progress honestly and specifically.
- ✓ Report any unusual symptoms.
- ✓ Share with your doctor important events in your personal and social life. These events can affect your arthritis and the

way you take care of yourself.

✓ Ask for an explanation of anything about your arthritis or your treatment program that you don't understand.

✓ Take notes to help you remember the details of your treatment program.

✓ Don't be afraid to ask your doctor how much something will cost or if there are less expensive options.

As partners committed to improving your health, both you and your doctor have certain responsibilities.

You should learn about your medical condition and make a commitment to follow a specific treatment program. Your doctor should be aware of your needs and concerns, teach you about your arthritis and help find ways to manage it.

For a free brochure, "Help Your Doctor — Help Yourself," contact your local Arthritis Foundation chapter. For general arthritis information and a free brochure, call the Arthritis Foundation Information Line at 1 (800) 283-7800.

The Arthritis Foundation supports research to find ways to cure and prevent arthritis and seeks to improve the quality of life for those affected by arthritis.

## Warning signs for arthritis

What you don't know about arthritis can hurt you, cautions the Arthritis Foundation. Pay attention to the following three common warning signs:

- ✓ Pain.
- ✓ Swelling and
- ✓ Stiffness or loss of movement.

If you experience any of these symptoms in or around joints for more than two weeks, the Arthritis Foundation recommends that you contact your doctor. Although there are no cures yet for most forms of arthritis, you can prevent or delay much of the pain and disability by early diagnosis and treatment.

Because there are more than 100 arthritis-related diseases, getting a correct diagnosis is an essential first step in developing an effective treatment plan. Treatments vary depending on the type of arthritis you have. The information you share with your doctor, along with a physical exam and laboratory tests, will help the doctor and other members of your health-care team determine what is wrong. Together, you can design a treatment program that may include medications, exercise, joint protection and rest.



Staff members at Strotheide Chiropractic are, front row, Linda Shive; from left, middle row, Betty Paterson and Bobbi Wenner; back row, Dr. Jason Strotheide, Kathy Barnhart, Brenda Clark, Louise Hall, Connie Strotheide and Dr. E.L. Strotheide.

## Practice aims at relief of pain

The primary goal of the doctors at Strotheide Chiropractic is to help more people feel better — and it is goal reached consistently, the doctors say.

"With more and more people coming to our clinic for pain relief, we know we're doing something right," says Dr. E.L. Strotheide. Strotheide and his son, Dr. Jason L. Strotheide, specialize in treating back and neck pain, headaches, arthritis and most auto, on-the-job and sports injuries.

At Strotheide Chiropractic, patients also find more than just pain relief from the treatments and therapy they receive. Both doctors are committed to personalized care that treats the whole person, and not just the areas that hurt.

"We help our patients regain the good health that God intends them to have," says Jason Strotheide.

Patients tell the doctors their pain is relieved, but they feel better in general, and also have more energy.

At Strotheide Chiropractic, patients enjoy the benefits of pain relief, better health and the commitment of two caring doctors and a caring staff.

Clinic hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 7:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday.

Both doctors are Sanus Passport PPO, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Principal HMO/PPO, Medicare and Public Aid providers. Most all insurance covers chiropractic care.

Strotheide Chiropractic is located at 3412 Nameoki Road in Granite City.

## News in review

"News in review" provides a summary of top stories from the area. The column is designed to assist out-of-town readers who do not receive the Sunday and Wednesday newspapers.

### Reduced Council role proposed

Granite City voters said, in effect, March 15 that they want aldermen less involved in the operations of city government. On March 16, one alderman presented what he called "the first of several proposals ... to comply with the wishes of the public."

Voters decided 3,076 to 1,343 to shrink the City Council to one alderman from each of the seven wards.

The city's annual budget has been prepared and pared in the recent past by the council's Finance Committee during marathon sessions where hundreds of thousands of dollars in proposed expenditures have been axed. Alderman Craig Tarpoff, a member of the Finance Committee, proposed that the budget be prepared by the mayor and his staff. "The times they are a-changin'," Tarpoff said.

### Suspect arrested near fire site

A 49-year-old Granite City man was charged with arson Monday in connection with a suspicious fire in the downtown area last week. Larry D. Keel, of the 1500 block of East 20th Street, was being held in the Madison County jail in lieu of \$30,000 bond.

Keel was arrested just after 2 p.m. Friday at the Pit Stop Cafe, about a block away from the fire at 1911 Grand Ave. Witnesses said they saw him running from the building just before smoke was seen coming from it. Keel admitted he used matches to set the fire in the vacant two-story apartment building.

### Restaurant closes abruptly

A "partnership that wasn't" between a former mayor and a former police chief of Madison led to the closing last week of a Granite City fast-food restaurant. Popeye's Famous Fried Chicken restaurant, 2888 Madison Ave., closed without notice.

The business was operated by BYS Enterprises Inc., made up of Don Bridick, a former Madison chief and now a top official in the Madison County Sheriff's Department; Mike Sasak, a former Madison mayor and current economic development director of Pontoon Beach; and James Young of Sunset Hills, Mo.

The restaurant was opened with the help of a \$100,000 economic development loan from Madison County Community Development. Sasak, Bridick and Young were sued last April by Magna Bank of Madison County for failing to make loan payments on a 1987 bank loan for \$415,000. The lawsuit said BYS was, at the time the suit was filed, eight months behind on its loan payments and owed principal and interest totaling \$349,000.

Sasak said Friday that, although he had signed loan papers with Bridick and had been led to believe he was a part-owner of the business, he recently discovered that to be untrue.

### Layoffs avoided as money arrives

The Metro East Sanitary District was walking a razor's edge this month, but it is breathing easier now because of checks totaling \$350,000 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

"It got to the point where I told everyone, 'Just don't spend any money.' The only money we spent was to make payroll," said Shang Greshouse, MESD president. "It was tough, but we survived." The MESD spent a little more than a million dollars fighting the "Flood of the Century" on the Mississippi River last summer, and FEMA agreed to reimburse the district for 90 percent of the expense. But the payment process was slow and Greshouse said he thought he might have had to lay off workers.

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## THE LAW AND YOU

By RICK REED  
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When two people sign a contract, many times one of the parties will not perform according to the terms of the contract. This is known as a breach of contract. The question arises in these cases regarding what remedies are available to the innocent party when there is a breach of contract.

In many cases, a court will award money damages to the innocent party. In some matters involving breach of contract, however, the awarding of damages is an inadequate remedy. In these cases, the plaintiff may file suit for specific performance to force the defendant to comply with the terms of the original contract.

In one recent case, a 60-year-old widow entered into a contract with a young couple to sell her home. Shortly before the closing of the real estate transaction, the young couple decided that they could not afford the home even though the bank had approved financing for them. The couple notified the widow that

they did not intend to proceed with the sale. The widow in this case had a choice. She could have once again attempted to find a buyer and then sue the couple for any money damages she sustained as a result of the delay. She could also attempt to sell the house and at the same time file suit for specific performance in an effort to force the couple to proceed with the sale of the property in the event she could not find another buyer.

In this situation, the seller decided to seek specific performance of the contract. She felt that she was in a very bad real estate market and she believed it would be difficult to find another buyer for the property. In this case, the court granted specific performance of the contract, and the buyers were forced to proceed with the real estate sale. The court allowed specific performance because money damages were inadequate in this case to compensate the widow for the loss she sustained.

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## Obituaries

### Gertrude Leary

Gertrude E. (Klutz) Leary, 75, of Granite City, formerly of Portageville, Mo., died at 3:17 a.m. Tuesday, March 22, 1994, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center after being ill for several months.

She was born Feb. 1, 1919, in Shelby, Tenn., and had been a resident of Granite City for the past 45 years.

Mrs. Leary was office manager at the Granite City Housing Authority for three years prior to her retirement in 1989.

Survivors include two daughters, Charlene Madson and Wilma Finch, both of Granite City; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank J. Leary, who died March 18, 1989; her parents, Paul Alexander Klutz and Doris Lee (Davis) Klutz; six brothers and two sisters.

Services are being held at 10 a.m. today at Irwin Chapel, 3860 Maryville Road, Granite City, the Rev. Don Stratton officiating, with burial at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

Memorials are requested for St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City.

### Willard Bess

Willard B. Bess, 83, of Venice died at 12:10 p.m. Sunday, March 20, 1994, while at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City. He was born May 31, 1910, in Texas and had been a area resident for the past 70 years.

He was a roller in the blooming

### •School

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The average size of elementary classes in the district is currently 25.58 students, but seven classes had more than 30 students as of Jan. 31.

The district currently utilizes eight split elementary classrooms in which two grade levels are combined.

A new building is regarded as needed in order to meet goals of eliminating split classes and ensuring that no class contains more than 28 students.

On March 9, the district received an insurance settlement of \$738,385 for the damage caused by flames in a vacant Nameoki Elementary School last year.

The district has spent \$76,340 to demolish the damaged portion of the building and will need to

## MELH student killed in auto accident

By Scott Wuerz  
Staff writer

Officials at a local high school spent Monday helping students cope with the loss of one of their peers in a weekend car accident.

Metro East Lutheran High School student Jeff Lloyd, who was from Collinsville, died in a car accident Friday near Cuba, Mo.

Officials at the school said students spent the day talking with counselors and faculty to help them try to work out their feelings of shock and loss.

The Missouri Highway Patrol said Lloyd, 17, was a passenger in a car driven by another MELH student, Jeremy McCormick. The car apparently was

### •Drugs

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large quantities of controlled pharmaceuticals.

An East Granite resident who was dealing large quantities of cocaine and found to have almost seven pounds of cocaine and five pounds of marijuana.

A local tavern owner who was part of an organization supplying Granite City with several kilograms of cocaine and several hundred pounds of marijuana every month.

Two Granite City residents who were receiving large shipments of heroin through the

mill at Granite City Steel for 40 years prior to his retirement in 1972.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy L. (Goodrich) Bess, whom he married July 19, 1949; three sons, Mark Bess of Venice, Randy Bess of Lake Elaine, Calif., and Larry Bess of Sylmar, Calif.; two daughters, Billie Jean Bosworth of Madison and Marianne Danzer of Las Vegas, Nev.; one stepson, Donald Cook of Las Vegas; two sisters, Helen Kuffner of New Berlin, Ill., and Pauline Field of Lakeland, Fla.; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, David Bess; his parents, Guy A. and Anna E. (Shelley) Bess; one brother, Howard Bess; and one sister, Neil Patterson.

There was no visitation. His remains were cremated. Memorial services are planned at a later date. Arrangements are by Vin Chapel, Granite City, 931-6000.

Memorials to the donor's choice are suggested.

### Sidney Soncek

Sidney P. Soncek, 79, of Bethalto, formerly of the Granite City area, died Saturday, March 19, 1994, at Meadowbrook Nursing Home, Caseyville.

He was born Oct. 31, 1914, in Staunton and had been a resident of the local area for many years.

A craftsman with a freight company for many years and a Navy veteran, he was of the Catholic faith.

Survivors include one son, David Soncek of Quincy; one daughter, Marilyn Dee Smith of San Antonio, Texas; two brothers, Arthur Soncek of Madison and Jesse Soncek of Milwaukee; and several grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Sarah E. (Curtis) Soncek.

No visitation or services were held. At his request, Mr. Soncek's body was cremated and buried at St. Vincent's Cemetery, St. Charles.

Arrangements were by Werner Chapel for Funerals, Pontoon Beach.

Memorials are requested for St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City.

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in Granite City for 41 years prior to moving to Columbia two years ago.

He was a vice president of Illinois Distributing Co., Belleville, for 25 years prior to his retirement in 1980. A World War II U.S. Navy veteran, he had served as a torpedoman.

Mr. Schaefer was of the Catholic faith.

Survivors include two daughters, Cathie A. DeGonia of Pasadena, Md., and Pamela J. Lemke of Plano, Texas; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Donna M. (Brett) Schaefer, who died in 1986; one son, Ted K. Schaefer, who died in 1992; and one sister, Marjorie Joyn.

Visitation is from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday at Davis Funeral Home, 21st Street and Cleveland Boulevard, Granite City, where services will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday with the Rev. Thomas Wise officiating. Burial will be at Valhalla Cemetery, St. Louis County.

Memorials are requested for Catholic Relief Services, 209 W. Fayette St., Baltimore, MD 21201.

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## Respite care available for parents

All parents, from time to time, need a break from the responsibilities and burdens of caring for their children. In addition to the normal demands of raising children, children with developmental disabilities face the challenge of providing the necessary care and support which will help their children achieve their fullest potential.

Respite care provides a break from those responsibilities for parents. There is no cost to families for respite care services from publicly funded programs.

The Illinois Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities provides funding to two local organizations for respite programs. In Madison County, programs are operated by the William Bebel Achievement and Resource Center, and the At-Home program of St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Families of people with developmental disabilities may qualify for up to 180 hours of care per year. However, funding for services is limited, and some programs may temporarily stop taking new cases if funds are running for the fiscal year have been committed.

Developmental disabilities are conditions which affect a person's ability to function in major life skill areas. Children with developmental disabilities may need specialized

medical care and early intervention services. As adults, people with developmental disabilities may have lifelong needs for a range of community services to achieve and maintain a level of independence.

Families sometimes choose to remain primary caregivers, by maintaining an adult child in the home. In such a situation, caregivers never feel the normal easing of parental responsibilities which occurs when a grown child achieves independence and leaves home.

Respite care is available for families of children and adults with developmental disabilities. Respite care refers to short term, temporary care provided for children or adults with disabilities in their homes, in order that their parents and families be relieved from the daily routine of caregiving.

Providing a break in the daily routine may help parents and family members avoid burnout, stress and fatigue. Periodic respite care can help families relax and when they come back revitalized and better able to care for their son or daughter.

There are a variety of occasions when respite care is appropriate. Parents may want an evening out, to dine at a restaurant, celebrate an anniversary, or go to a movie. A family member may have a doctor's appointment, or wish to visit a relative or friend in the hospital.

It may be difficult for some parents to entrust their child to a caretaker outside the family.

One local respite program allows a family to choose a caregiver — possibly a relative living outside the home, a neighbor, or friend — to provide care in the home, and reimburses the respite caregiver for hours of care provided. In another local program, trained staff provide care in the home.

Unlike day programs, respite services never end the normal overnight stays for an extended period of time. Respite care enables families to take vacations, or just a few hours of time off. Respite is often referred to as "a gift of time."

Families of children with disabilities can also find relief by organizing an informal respite program. When two or more families agree to exchange, even for a few hours a month, the responsibilities for family members with disabilities.

Everyone who provides caregivers will get a break, and the child or other family member can experience a change in daily routine and an opportunity to build new relationships.

For further information about publicly funded respite services, contact Deb Showers of the William Bebel Achievement and Resource Center, at 662-404, or Colleen Berends of At-Home Care, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, at 793-3900.

March is Mental Retardation Awareness Month. Information for this article was provided by The Arc, a national organization on mental retardation, and the Madison County Community Mental Health Board.

## •Cuts

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The Chapter I director would become a 11-month position, saving the district \$1,018 in salary and pension. Chapter I is a grant-funded position, and federal grant money. The position of director was a 10-month position until 1989 when it became a full-year position.

The director of food services would also become a 10-month position. The proposed reduction, apparently eliminating a subsidized free summer lunch program would result in a \$16,000 loss.

In 1982-93, the food position was changed to 12-month from 10-month status, resulting in a salary increase of more than \$10,000. The proposed return to 10-month status would save the district \$8,358 next year in salary.

The board this school year approved a categorical increase for the position of supervisor of insurance.

The current proposal to return the position to its original category would result in salary savings of \$4,461 next year.

Whitaker said that 12-month employees are entitled to five

weeks of vacation and that the proposal would allow the district to get more production from the administrators involved.

The savings figures for the certified (assistant principal and Chapter I) positions include salary and pension.

The figures for non-certified positions (director of food services and insurance supervisor) do not take pensions into account.

Voting to table the cost-saving proposal were Nemeth, Jeff Parker, Eldin Rea and Jim Noeth.

Worthen, Whitaker and Novack voted against delaying action on the proposal.

Noeth, who said he has not always seen eye to eye with Director of Food Services Brad Evenson in the past, said that morale among administrators has hit an all-time low.

Noeth said that the perception in the board office is that some board members are "targeting certain people" and "taking potshots" at them.

"I don't want them to say that about me," Noeth said.

"Walking into the board office that day seemed like I'm walking into a morgue," Noeth said.

Noeth suggested that the administration look into the possibility of combining some positions.

Without the federal money, "these local officers would be returned to their departments and would be assigned to routine patrol within their cities."

"Without the banding together of all the departments, the enforcement in the Metro East area would be also eliminated," Juergens said.

In Madison County last year, 87 arrests resulted from the district's undercover investigations, he added.

Madison County State's Attorney William Haine also criticized the Clinton proposal. "It is not a good trade-off. I can't understand replacing experienced

detectives with new officers hired under a community policing program," Haine noted that MEGSI since being formed in 1975 has been responsible for the majority of drug arrest and confiscation cases in this county.

Because the county has so many small police agencies, it would not otherwise have the resources "to interdict the shipments of illegal drugs," he said.

The program cuts also threaten a new violent-crimes task force for Madison and St. Clair counties that has solved some major murder cases, Haine said.

— From the Alton Telegraph

## •Funding

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Clinton plan, half as many as would be eliminated by other cuts.

He said Attorney General Janet Reno is opposing ending the programs but the president has not been convinced.

MEGSI Director Jer Juergens said that the federal money is eliminated, "we would probably see our unit reduced from 27 agents to seven agents."

Among the costs now picked up through the federal grants are reimbursements to local police departments that provide officers for the unit.

## •Water

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should be made in about six weeks.

Mitchem is hopeful.

Change are looking good. March 3 was the final hearing.

"It's before the ICC to make a decision and then, in April, it will be sent to our board for approval," Mitchem said.

Highway 111 had originally been part of the plan, but a shortage of funds in the budget

excluded that area in this plan, Mitchem said.

Illinois American charges no tap-on fees for its customers.

"Normally, with a city-operated facility, there's a fee for hooking you onto the water line. That's the tap-on fee, which we don't charge," Mitchem said.

"The only thing the resident has to do is extend their own service line from their house to the street," Mitchem said.

If approval is given to start the plan, construction will begin in either May or June, and will probably be completed by the end of the year, according to Mitchem.

## Trivia

In the earliest versions of the song "Frankie and Johnnie" the other woman was Alice Frye — the name of a real-life lovejoy woman who was notorious and infamous for similar liaisons. In later versions the name was changed to Nellie Bly, the femme fatale of numerous folk songs.

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## •Results

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NAMEOKI 11: Pete Novacek of Granite City 125, Stephen Isenburgh of Granite City 77.

NAMEOKI 12: Carl Macios of Granite City 80, unopposed.

CHOUTEAU 1: Michael Carner of Granite City 93, unopposed.

CHOUTEAU 2: Forrest Dhus of South Roxana 71, unopposed.

CHOUTEAU 3: Dudley Luebhart of Hartford, 95, unopposed.

CHOUTEAU 4: Jon Yates of Granite City 78, Carlos Jordan of Granite City 74.

CHOUTEAU 5: James Taylor of Granite City 64, Janet Barringer of Granite City 34.

CHOUTEAU 6: Don Hamilton of Granite City 99, unopposed.

CHOUTEAU 7: Dennis Carpenter of South Roxana 75, Harry Mason of South Roxana 51.

VENICE 1: Tyrone Q. Echols of Venice 50, unopposed.

VENICE 2: Ruby Johnson of Venice 140, unopposed.

VENICE 3: Leah Williams of Madison 57, unopposed.

VENICE 4: Eleanor Armour of Madison 91, unopposed.

VENICE 5: William Papa of Madison 112, unopposed.

VENICE 6: Ronald Grzywacz of Madison 187, unopposed.

VENICE 7: John Belcoff of Madison 159, unopposed.

VENICE 8: Joe Young Sr. of Venice 93, unopposed.

GRANITE CITY 1: Bobby J. Orasco of Granite City 39, unopposed.

GRANITE CITY 2: Mac Warfield of Granite City 133, unopposed.

GRANITE CITY 3: Herbert "Junior" Milton of Granite City 51, unopposed.

GRANITE CITY 4: Andy Timko of Granite City 46, Ed Boyer of Granite City 21.

GRANITE CITY 5: Deborah Gray of Granite City 63, unopposed.

GRANITE CITY 6: Jerry Lak-in of Granite City 117, unopposed.

GRANITE CITY 7: Daniel Partney of Granite City 120, unopposed.

GRANITE CITY 8: Steve Ortiz of Granite City 57, Hollis Donaldson of Granite City 52.

GRANITE CITY 9: "Joan" Anderson of Granite City 7, unopposed.

GRANITE CITY 10: Archie Lupardus of Granite City 76, unopposed.

GRANITE CITY 11: Dale Barnhart Sr. of Granite City 65, Gregg Weeks of Granite City 44.

GRANITE CITY 12: Mark Foster of Granite City 97, Donald Gray Sr. of Granite City 17.

GRANITE CITY 13: Richard Schneider of Granite City 143, unopposed.

GRANITE CITY 14: William "Bill" Harrison of Granite City 66, Marshall McElroy of Granite City 46.

GRANITE CITY 15: Dick Allen of Granite City 96, Barbara Bowler of Granite City 48.

GRANITE CITY 16: Sandy Pence of Granite City 95, unopposed.

GRANITE CITY 17: Bobby "Bob" Page of Granite City 113, Darla Bauer of Granite City 61.

GRANITE CITY 18: Jim "Red" Worthen of Granite City 94, unopposed.

GRANITE CITY 19: Frank Laub of Granite City 108, Kim Affolter of Granite City 76.

GRANITE CITY 20: Phil Boyer of Granite City 70, William (Randy) Smith of Granite City 56.

GRANITE CITY 21: T.A. Feeler of Granite City 79, John "Jeff" Worthen of Granite City 55.

GRANITE CITY 22: Mike Papp of Granite City 73, Ron Corey of Granite City 46, Kerry "Kip" Pomeroy of Granite City 45.

GRANITE CITY 23: Joe Wallace of Granite City 143, unopposed.

GRANITE CITY 24: Rufus F. Valencia of Granite City 69, unopposed.

GRANITE CITY 25: Nelson "Nellie" Hagnauer of Granite City 197, unopposed.

GRANITE CITY 26: Alice Patrick of Granite City 52, Bob Bell of Granite City 42.

GRANITE CITY 27: Wilbert "Bill" Bronnbauer of Granite City 175, unopposed.

GRANITE CITY 28: Judy Whitaker of Granite City 189, unopposed.

GRANITE CITY 29: Raymond Ronnie Jr. of Granite City 78, unopposed.

GRANITE CITY 30: Roy Ponco of Granite City 107, unopposed.

GRANITE CITY 31: Art Asadorian of Granite City 115, Michael Allen of Granite City 98.

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# Sports

## Season at hand for GCHS softball team

By Mike Kelly  
Correspondent

It's been a tough road to hoe for Granite City High softball coach John Hutchings. A team in transition, the Lady Warriors were only 5-18 last season. And the situation doesn't look any brighter this year. For starters, sophomore pitcher Julie Tanksley, the ace of the staff, has been sidelined with back problems and she might miss Granite City's season opener March 29 at Roxana. The right-hander saw limited but impressive duty with the varsity team last spring.

"We were really counting on Julie this season," said Hutchings, who begins his fifth year at the helm. "Her control isn't great, but the girl can throw strikes and she can get people out. Losing her would be catastrophic. We don't even have a No. 2 or a No. 3 pitcher yet."

"WE'VE WORKED WITH a couple of girls

in practice hoping to find one in the group. But replacing Julie is going to be quite a challenge."

The situation wouldn't be so drastic if senior Kari Buckingham were available. But due to a job conflict after school, Buckingham won't be on the team this season.

"Kari was our starter last season," Hutchings said. "She brought a lot of experience to the mound. Having Kari and Julie in the starting rotation would have given us a solid 1-2 punch on the mound. Unfortunately, that won't be the case."

Possible candidates to replace Tanksley are sophomore first baseman Erin Tongay and junior outfielder Kelly Dellamano.

"All of those girls are good athletes," Hutchings said. "They're giving it their best shot. Hopefully, Julie can get back to health and we can find a strong backup."

"I'M CONFIDENT JULIE will be with us

to start the season. She's going to a chiropractor three times a week and she'll be wearing a brace on her lower back when she pitches. But we can't force her to exert herself on the mound. That's where our defense becomes extremely important. We must limit her to a specific number of pitches every inning."

Defense is the name of the game for Granite City this season. The Lady Warriors feature a speedy outfield and a solid infield. Junior Julie Bohnenstiel will patrol left field. Seniors Sheila Heil and Angie Harris will handle center field and right field, respectively.

Willis will be Granite City's starting first baseman, senior Kristi Melton will handle second base, senior Jessica Thomas will be the starting shortstop and junior Michelle Milas will start at third base. Senior Nikki Coulter is the starting catcher.

Juniors Heather Bain, Joanna Groboski

(See SOFTBALL, Page 2B)

## Red Knights rebounding from losses

By Mike Elder  
Staff writer

If graduation hadn't already taken a big enough toll on the Incarnate Word Academy soccer team to seriously threaten the team's chances of repeating as Missouri state champions this year, a loss of a key defender to an injury in the offseason certainly did.

Defender Erin Grady broke her leg in two places playing cup soccer. She's not expected to be able to play at all this year.

"I had definite plans for her," said coach Andy Lodes, whose team plays host to Granite City at 3:30 p.m.

More specifically, Lodes had planned to use Grady as his stopper. Now, that position is wide open.

"I'VE TRIED A new kid every day," Lodes said.

That doesn't bode well for the Red Knights, who have reached the Final Four in Missouri six consecutive seasons. They were settled at every position last year and it showed. They gave up less than 10 goals the entire season.

Lodes has a big rebuilding job to do, however. Among the standouts he lost on defense were keeper Jennifer Gettemeier, who had 13 shutouts last year, stopper Keryl Wickelhauser, sweeper Sarah Henderson and halfback Sally Meek.

"That's quite a batch to be losing," Lodes said. "They were good, quality kids. It'll take some time to figure out who will be playing where."

Lodes has settled on a goal-keeper. He said he's confident sophomore Tara Larrigan can step in and do the job, but he's not expecting her to play up to Gettemeier's level.

"She doesn't have as much experience or range (as Gettemeier)," Lodes said. "But she has excellent command of the players, a field presence."

THE RED KNIGHTS' top

## Schedule

Thursday, March 24  
GIRLS TRACK: Granite City vs. O'Fallon, Edwardsville at O'Fallon, 1 p.m.

Friday, March 25  
GIRLS SOCCER: Granite City at Incarnate Word, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 26  
BASEBALL: East Moline at Granite City (2), 4:15 p.m.

Sunday, March 27  
GIRLS SOCCER: Alton at Granite City, 1 p.m.

Monday, March 28  
TRACK: Madison boys, girls vs. Bethalto, Stanton at Bethalto, 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 29  
TRACK: Madison boys, girls vs. Red Bud, Chester at Red Bud, 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 30  
BASEBALL: Wood River at Granite City, 4:15 p.m.

Thursday, March 31  
GIRLS TRACK: Stanton vs. Weasika, Columbus at Columbus, 3:30 p.m.

Friday, April 1  
GIRLS SOCCER: Wood River at Granite City, 3:30 p.m.

## Trivial matters

1. Most of the Metro East's recent success in girls high school softball has centered around Belleville East and West, with East winning the Class AA title in 1989. But what area school won state titles in 1977 and 1979?

2. What area school won the first Class A state softball title after the sport was broken into two classes in 1985? Answers at right.

## Community Sports Calendar

Donkey basketball April 5 at GCHS  
Granite City High School's annual Donkey Basketball show will be held April 5 at Memorial Gymnasium. The event begins at 7 p.m. and will feature a doubleheader with a championship game. Game 1 will pit the Varsity Club against the Student Council. Game 2 will be between the principals and teachers throughout the school district. The two winners will meet for the championship.

Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for children age 12 and under. Admission is free for children age 4 and under. Free donkey rides will be available for the first 150 children age 12 and under with a paid guardian. Tickets are available at the high school. For more information, call 451-5808.

## Up and kicking

Lady Warriors shooting for return to state

By Tony Panozzo  
Staff writer

With a young nucleus of players ready to inherit the reins, the Granite City girls soccer team is out to take care of some unfinished business this season.

The Lady Warriors advanced to the state tournament for the second time in three years last spring, but a first-round loss to Downers Grove South left a sour taste on the season. The 1-0 loss came in a downpour at Naperville Central High School in suburban Chicago and resulted in an early exit for Granite City.

The Lady Warriors lost eight seniors from that team, including All-State sweeper Beth Rapoff and fourth-year goalkeeper Stephanie Kuit. While replacing that group will undoubtedly be difficult, the Lady Warriors retain several key components as well as their focus.

"Our objective is returning to the state tournament," said coach Gene Baker, who enters his seventh year 91-24-8 with the Lady Warriors. "We look for a competitive year, and we'd certainly like to improve during the season."

## GRANITE CITY LADY WARRIORS 1994 Varsity Soccer

March  
25 at Incarnate Word..... 3:30 p.m.  
26 Alton..... 1 p.m.  
28 Roxana..... 6 p.m.  
31 Wood River..... 4:30 p.m.

April  
5 at Collinsville..... 4:30 p.m.  
6 O'Fallon..... 4:30 p.m.  
9 Barrington..... 1 p.m.  
11 at Carbondale..... 4:30 p.m.  
14 at Alton..... 4:30 p.m.  
16 at McChesnut..... 4 p.m.  
20-21 St. Dominic Tournament..... TBA

May  
2 Duchesne..... 4:30 p.m.  
3 Hazelwood Central..... 6 p.m.  
5 at Chatham Glenwood..... 11 a.m.  
6 Collinsville..... 4:30 p.m.  
12 Hazelwood East..... 4:30 p.m.  
15 at O'Fallon..... 4:30 p.m.

May 21-23, IHSA Sectional  
June 1-4, State Tournament

"We've lost a lot of leadership we have to replace."

LEADING THE WAY will be senior co-captains Kari Kessel and Denise Dutko, both full-



Kessel Dutko

backs. Kessel is one of the team's most experienced players. Granite City's eight-deep senior group also includes Debbie Dutko, Brooke Bjorkman, Misty Reagan, Lyns Evans, Jill Haddix and Mikla Economy.

Economy will play in goal and has a tough act to follow in replacing Kuit, a strong presence whose 5-9 height helped limit Granite City's opponents to just 13 goals in 21 games last season.

But Economy, 5-2, was the team's top backup last year and is a feisty performer. She saw plenty of action in a season that included 12 shutouts.

"Mikla is short in stature, but (See LADY WARRIORS, Page 2B)



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Returning starter Staci Dowdy heads a deep junior class for the Lady Warriors this year.

## Trojanettes impressive in season-opening meet

By R.J. Gerber  
Staff writer

Madison High girls track coach Al Collins saw a few surprises when the Trojanettes opened their season at home Monday with a triangular meet.

Collins, who took over for Gene Briggs as Madison's girls coach, looked on as his team finished second to Cahokia, which scored 33 points in the meet.

Madison scored 34 points and Gateway Christian recorded 22 in the meet, which was shortened because of darkness. The 300-meter hurdles, mile run, 200-meter dash and mile relay events weren't completed.

But the Trojanettes did manage to make a quality showing in their first meet and Collins seemed impressed.

"I LEARNED A lot. I didn't really know what the kids could do," Collins said. "And after the meet, we had three more kids

come out. So we should have a decent team."

The meet did include 11 events and Madison showed some of its strength in the relay and middle distance races.

The 800-meter run was dominated by Trojanettes as Lataisha Montgomery won with a time of 2:48.93. Montgomery was followed by Valerie Woodford (third in 3:02) and Shannon Short, who placed fourth, finishing in 3:12.

Wiley, Carmanisha Samuels, Christina Short and Joi Woodfork took first-place honors in the 800 medley relay. The four some finished in 2:08.5.

"The biggest surprise of the meet was Wiley," Collins said. "For just a freshman, she has really good speed. She just did a super job and her talent is unlimited."

WILEY WAS ALSO a member (See TRACK, Page 2B)



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Madison High's Antonio Henderson surges to clear a hurdle.

## Jackson hiring ends Collinsville's search for grid coach

By David Wilhelm  
Staff writer

Nearly five months after the resignation of Bob Hollingshead, Collinsville High has a new head football coach.

The Unit 10 Board of Education found its man — 33-year-old John Jackson — in suburban Chicago. Jackson, hired Monday, has spent the last 10 seasons as an assistant coach at Naperville North High, where he's been the defensive coordinator since 1989.

Collinsville athletic director Bob Bone is glad the search is over, and he hopes Jackson is the man who can turn around a program that hasn't had a winning season since 1975, when Lloyd Dunne guided the Hawks to a record.

"We decided on John Jackson simply because he's been part of a very, very good program at Naperville (North)," said Bone. "They were ranked No. 1 in (Class) 6A all of last year and then got beat in their first playoff game. The year before that, they won the state championship in 6A."

"IT'S A CASE of a guy being involved in a very good program that's ready to go out and be a head coach."

During recent weeks, it appeared as if Dupo High head coach Gary Mauser was the top candidate for the position. But Paul Welch, Unit 10's school board president, said Mauser withdrew his application on March 16.

"He re-evaluated his own situation," said Welch. "Apparently, the athletic

directorship position is open down there. I think he just felt he had built his name and reputation there and he wanted to stay there."

Welch also confirmed that neither Ric Johns nor Dennis Litteken, the head coaches at Hardin, Calhoun and Mater Dei, respectively, applied for the job. Johns and Litteken were rumored to be possible candidates.

Lake Bone, Welch was delighted with the hiring of Jackson, who is originally (See COACH, Page 4B)

## Coming up

Opening day  
Senior Corey Dickerson (left) and the Warrior baseball team begin the year Friday at home with a doubleheader against East Moline.

Trivia answers  
1. Cahokia, coached by Teresa (Burriss) Arnold, won two of the first four state softball titles.  
2. Freeburg was 27-0 under coach Fred Harth.





## Players needed for select team

A select fast-pitch softball team for girls born in 1980-81 is being formed for this summer. The team will be affiliated with the Granite City Park District.

For more information, call Frank Faulkner at 876-6402 or Lynn Wright at 877-3033.

## Softball

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and Terri Yurko and sophomores Trisha Sedbree, Jamie Wallace, Jill Wozniak and Jill Ahlvers give Granite City a solid bench.

"We've got some talent to work with this season," Hutchings said. "We could have a competitive team. But our pitching situation really bothers me. That's our primary weakness right now. We must find some answers and quickly."

"If Julie can pitch on a limited basis and get people out, we could be in pretty good shape. Otherwise, we could be in for a long season."



Granite City's Debbie Dutko (middle), coming off knee surgery, is one of eight seniors this season.

## Track

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of Madison's second-place 400-meter relay team. She joined Montgomery, Samuels and Christina Short to finish in :58.05, placing second behind Cahokia.

Woodfork was second in the 100-meter hurdle event, finishing in :18.18 and behind Cahokia's Melinda Pearson (18.80). Wiley was the runner-up in the 100-meter dash, posting a time of 13.68. Sherry Griggs finished second in the long jump with an 11.7 effort and Latisha Hyster was fourth at 9.95.

In the discus, Christina Short was fourth with a throw of 80.85.

In the 800-meter relay, Madison's Hyster, Wiley, Samuels and Christina Short were three seconds off the winning pace set by Cahokia. The Lady Comanches won the event with a time of 2:01.5.

Montgomery was second in the quarter-mile, finishing in 1:17.78.

"I think Latasha can be an even better miler," Collins said.

"It was our first meet and we did some experimenting. This should motivate them."

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returning player is probably Sara Burkett. The junior midfielder, who scored 10 goals last year, figures to be one of the team leaders.

"She can take a game over offensively," Lodes said. "I'd like to see her dominate like Sally (Meek) did last year. She's beginning to respond. She's working more diligently."

Other returning starters include halfback Jenny Lembeck, a sophomore who had more than 10 goals last year; sophomore forward/defender Mandy Pavlovits; senior defender Molly McBride; and senior defender/midfielder Betsy Fryman.

"We've got some talent," Lodes said. "It's just a matter of finding the right mix."

"Unity is very important. If we work hard and have a good team work ethic, we'll do well. Now it's a matter of developing what we have, knowing our strengths and weaknesses and capitalizing on them."

Incarinate Word opened the season Wednesday at home against Hazelwood Central.

## Lady Warriors

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she's a competitor," Baker said. "The team's other seniors will also be out to prove something this year. Debbie Dutko is coming off knee surgery, and Reagan is recovering from an anterior cruciate ligament injury."

**BJORKMAN, A STARTING** midfielder and scoring threat, missed her sophomore year with a broken leg and spent most of her junior year recovering.

"We need her," Baker said. "She's a very well conditioned athlete and we missed her. She has a lot of experience. We're expecting her to have a good year."

Haddix and the Dutko twins will be at fullback. Evans, a midfielder, will also start after she and junior forward Christy Costello serve a three-game disciplinary suspension.

Costello is just one of a number of standout juniors ready for more playing time this year. Holly Farnsworth returns at a forward, scoring with 13 goals last year. Farnsworth and talented forward Staci Dowdy gives the Lady Warriors yet another top scoring threat.

"They have very good ball skills," Baker said. "They'll probably be two of our catalysts."

**KARA GAUEN** and Tonya Genovese, two other juniors who earned playing time last season, will start in the backfield. Other top juniors are starting midfielder Jennifer Spilgaard, starting forward Valerie Hasty and Penny Krueher and Amy Henson.

"(Krueher) came off the bench last year and we need her speed and competitive edge," Baker said. "She's a very well conditioned athlete and we're expecting her to have a good year."

Two other juniors, Kelly Thomas and Kelly Williamson, figure to see varsity time this season. Denise McMillan, a sophomore, will also be a regular in the lineup.

The program is stacked with

youth. Baker said this year's freshman class, featuring Jamie Delbringe, Amanda Nizinski, Roxie Simpson and Carrie Simpson, should come into its own fairly soon.

"We'll have an outstanding freshman group," Baker said. The Lady Warriors begin the season Friday at Incarnate Word, the premier high school girls soccer program in the St. Louis area. Granite City lost 1-0 to the Red Knights last year.

**THE SCHEDULE FEATURES** games against several other top opponents from St. Louis, notably Hazelwood Central and Duchesne. Granite City will compete in the St. Dominic Tournament late next month.

The Lady Warriors will also face a suburban Chicago team, Barrington, as well as archrival Collinsville twice.

"Our schedule is going to be a tough one," Baker said. "We've got a tough one out of the shoot. Incarnate Word is as good as there is. But we're going over there with the idea of playing our best and winning."

"We'd really like to be better on the road this year. The St. Dominic Tournament is a really strong tournament that keeps getting better. Our whole idea is that our schedule seasons us."

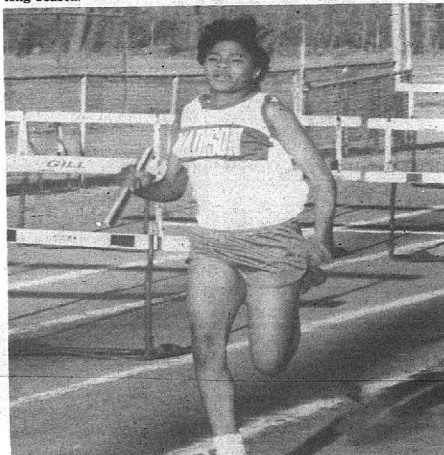
The Lady Warriors hope to develop throughout the regular season in order to be prepared for the sectional tournament. Granite City tore through last year's sectional, outscoring teams 29-3.

**BUT THE SEASON** came to a frustrating end in the state quarterfinal loss to Downers South, which went on to lose to Schaumburg in the state title game. The Lady Warriors finished 16-4-1.

"They were a great team," Baker said. "We had nothing to be ashamed of. We had a very strong nucleus."

This year's state tournament will be held at Conant High School in Hoffman Estates. The Lady Warriors hope to represent southern Illinois.

"We have a bunch of good kids this year," Baker said. "We have some players with very good ball skills and they play well enough to make coaching them fun."



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Carmanisha Samuels was one of Madison's top relay runners Monday.

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The Holy Family 5th-grade girls basketball team won its own tournament Feb. 20. Members of the team are pictured, front row from left, Jessica Boyer, Erica Cavins, Jessie Oates, Lindsay Bulva; back row, Sandy Miller, Sara Myers, Liz Przygoda, Emily Kelahan.



The Holy Family 6th-grade girls basketball team placed second in its own tournament. Members of the team are pictured, front row from left, Ashley Slover, Erin Boyer, Renee Kramer, Kate Marzluf; second row, Della Moore, Sarah Turek, Katie Ronk, Elizabeth Mushill; top row, coach Bob Shipley, Sarah Carmody, Jessica Wallace, Lisa Hayes, Katie Vivod, Megan Mehelic, coach Pete Mushill.



The Holy Family 8th-grade boys basketball team captured third place in its own tournament. Members of the team are pictured, front row from left, Bobby Bosslet, Tony Mantia, Brian Hopkins, Ryan Reagan, Aaron Hayes; back row, Craig Mooshegian, Richard Koerper, John Foley, Andy Ronk. Not pictured: Kevin Buchek.

## Holy Family cage teams place in three weekend tourneys

Three basketball teams at Holy Family School played host to three different tournaments in one weekend last month, entertaining 16 different teams and placing in all three events.

The 6th-grade boys team held a four-team round robin tournament, the 6th-grade girls team held an eight-team tourney, and the 5th-grade girls team hosted a four-team round-robin tourney.

The 5th-grade girls went undefeated and took first place after handing defeats to Roxana, the Alton Mini-Wings and St. Clare

of O'Fallon. Sandy Miller placed

second in the free-throw contest. The 6th-grade girls made it to the championship game of their tournament, but fell short against St. Angela Merici of St. Louis.

The 6th-grade boys took third place in their round-robin tournament, defeating Metro Sports B of Alton and then losing to St. Michael's. The Hawks also lost to tournament champion Metro Sports A.

## GCSSA leagues seeking teams

The Granite City Steel Softball Association has several openings in its youth T-Ball and youth men's softball leagues.

The organization has openings for T-Ball (age 6-7) and softball (age 8-9) on Friday nights. For more information, call Rick Knight at 431-9241.

The GCSSA also has openings in the Monday night men's league and the Wednesday night men's league. The fee is \$350. There is no non-resident fee. For more information, call Cindy Schubert at 931-5634 or Rick Demaree at 931-4774.

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Beauty contest winners at Wal-Mart event were Juliana Rodriguez and Alex Evans.

## Wal-Mart celebrates 'Baby Week'

A variety of fun activities were held at the Granite City Wal-Mart store during its Spring 'Baby Week.'

The event began Feb. 28 with a kick-off day. Associate Liz Bridges was a clown, delighting children with balloons and candy.

The week closed with a photo contest, which was won by 19-month-old Brandon Sneed. Winning first place in the talent contest was 20-month-old Amanda Douglas, who sang "Barney."

Second place went to Bradley Sullivan and third to John Williams.

The beauty contest was held March 3. Youngsters were judged on beauty and expression. Crowned "Little Miss and Little Master Granite City Wal-Mart" were Juliana Rodriguez, 2, and Alex Evans, 18 months.

The diaper derby crawlathon was won by Brendon Brooks, 9 months. Other events of the week were a daddy diaper contest, handprints for safety and CPR information.

## Walking class slated

A walking exercise class is being formed by the New Salem Missionary Baptist Church, 1349 Klein St., Venice.

The first session will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church. Participants can walk either a two-mile or four-mile trail. The group will continue to meet at the same time each Saturday.

Linda Thorpe, coordinator of the class, encouraged everyone in the community to join the class.

## Troop spends evening at zoo

Mitchell Junior Girl Scout Troop 328 had an exciting night of learning experiences at St. Louis Zoo on Feb. 26.

Their night started out with a walk through the exhibit halls where they viewed many species of fish. They most enjoyed seeing the jellyfish and octopus. A class on winter adaptations was held. They learned how the animals adapt to winter weather and came face to face with the black rat and box snakes.

A full moon lit the way for a hike through the zoo grounds to see animals that they might not see during the daytime. The only creatures stirring about were a polar bear, sea lions and seals. The sea lions seemed to be having a time with their 9 p.m. swim.

The penguin workshop came next. Films were viewed along with a large and small actual penguin wing and discussion. The girls pretended to become penguins and passed about them eggs the way parent penguins do during incubation time.

Girls attending the event were troop leader, Robin Rinehart; Celeste Clifton; Nicole Cripps; Amy Critt; Christina Gashen; Amanda Rinehart; Amy Winfield; and co-leaders, Donna Critt and Laura Critt.

## Church celebrates anniversary

The New Salem Missionary Baptist Church, 1349 Klein St., Venice, is celebrating its 77th anniversary this week with a series of special services.

The celebration includes appearance by a number of guest speakers, including the pastors of Baptist churches in St. Louis and East St. Louis.

At 7:30 p.m. today (Thursday) the special guest speaker will be Rev. Matthew Turner, pastor of the St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church in St. Louis.

Rev. M.R. Lemons, pastor of the Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church in East St. Louis, will be the guest speaker at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

At 4 p.m. Sunday, the Rev. Herman Watson, pastor of the Mount Sinai Missionary Baptist Church, will be the guest speaker.

The series began Wednesday

with Rev. Daryl Calmes, pastor of the Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church in Brooklyn, as the speaker.

Judy Johnson is the chairperson and Vickie Robinson is the co-chairman for the anniversary celebration.

Rev. John Henry Williams is the New Salem pastor.

## Easter egg hunt set for Saturday

City Temple Assembly of God is sponsoring what may be the city's largest Easter egg hunt at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 26, at the church, 4751 Maryville Road.

The program will feature the all new Aladdin Easter story. The Easter Bunny family will be on hand to pass out prizes and surprises.

The church will provide thousands of Easter eggs filled with candy and surprises. The first 100 children will receive a special surprise.

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## Schmidtke-Bellcoff

Kathy Lynn Bellcoff, daughter of Mayor John N. and Diana Bellcoff of Madison, and Bryan David Schmidtke, son of Walter W. and Norma Schmidtke of Granite City, were married Oct. 30, 1993, at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, St. Louis, by the Rev. Joseph Velichky, Rev. Peter Stambolijev and Rev. George Nicozisin.

The maid of honor was Norma L. Bellcoff, sister of the bride. The bridesmaids were Becky Schmidtke, sister of the groom; and Mary Ellen Cardinale, Nancy Nickloff, Stacey Nickloff and Tracey Robertson, all cousins of the bride.

The best man was Dr. Soti Markuly, cousin of the bride. The groomsmen were Mike DeGonia, Bert Houston, Ken Prazma, Ken Wiesehan and Christopher Nickloff, cousin of the bride.

The flower girl was Emily Nickloff, cousin of the bride; John N. Rogers, cousin of the bride, was the ringbearer. The ushers were Dutch Schroeder and Mark Wiesehan, both of Granite City.

A reception was held at the Regal Riverfront Hotel, St. Louis.

The bride is employed by Dr.



Bryan and Kathy Schmidtke

## Hancock-Bridges

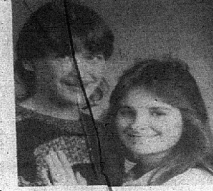
Sherri C. Bridges, daughter of Larry and Carol Bridges of Pontoon Beach, and Michael R. Hancock, son of Ray and Dorothy Hancock of Granite City, were married Dec. 17, 1993, in Glasgow, Mo.

The bride is the granddaughter of Frieda Stahl of St. Louis and Mae Ruth Bridges of Paragou, Ark.

The groom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith and Dorothy A. Hancock, all of Granite City, and the late Clifton Hancock.

The matron of honor was Robin L. Fleetwood of Glasgow, sister of the groom.

The best man was Doug Walker of Glasgow.



Michael and Sherri Hancock

The bride is a graduate of Granite City High School. The groom also graduated from Granite City High School. The couple are residing in Missouri.

## Eastern Illinois fall graduates named

The following area students were listed as 1993 fall semester graduates of Eastern Illinois University:

Granite City: Scott Swanson

Mascoutah: Jodi Junker, Kimberly Macey, Christopher Torra

Millstadt: Timothy Bauer, Michael Marlen

## Divorces

The following marriages were recently dissolved in Third Circuit Court:

Brian T. Korte, 29, of Highland, and Mary Ann Korte (Sanfletten), 28, of Collinsville; March 11, 1994.

Jason Roulanaitis, 20, of Fairmont City, and Michelle R. Schaus, 19, of Granite City; March 16.

Gene T. Ledbetter, 39, of Granite City, and Tina L. Ledbetter, 31, of Granite City; March 16.

Claude W. Downs 69, of Granite City, and Jacqueline F. Downs (Dahl) of Granite City; March 16.

Michael E. Nelson, 28, of Edwardsville, and Julie A. Nelson (Woods), 25, of Edwardsville; March 11.

Patrick A. Conroy, 27, of Edwardsville, and Nancy A. Conroy (Nawojoski), 24, of Edwardsville; March 11.

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Winners at the Downers Grove North are, front row, from left: Emily Bridges, Don Murphy and Brian McMillian; back row: Nicki Coulter and Joanna Webb

### GC debaters at Downers Grove North

The Granite City High School debate team traveled to Downers Grove North High School to participate in the Illinois Speech and Theater Association's State Debate Tournament.

After five preliminary rounds of competition, in the Novice division Emily Bridges was the fourth place speaker; in the Varsity division Don Murphy was the second place speaker, and Joanna Webb was the top speaker in the tournament.

Debaters advanced to elimination rounds where, in Novice, Emily Bridges advanced to the final round to become the State Runner-Up on a 2-1 decision. In Varsity, Don Murphy was an octofinalist; Nicki Coulter and Joanna Webb were quarterfinalists, and Brian McMillian advanced to the final round where he became the State Runner-Up on a 2-1 (two loss, one win) decision.

### Area garden clubs to meet today

The March meeting of the Garden Study Club was held at Shoney's Restaurant with 10 members present.

President Mary Mang called the meeting to order. The club collect and Pledge of Allegiance were recited in unison. Roll call was answered to naming the birds in your yard.

Mang exhibited a bird house made by her brother.

The annual meeting of District V clubs will be held Thursday, March 24, at Collinsville Memorial Public Library.

The club members voted to keep the same officers for the coming year. Mang was the hostess and she gave the program on "Birds Our Feathered Friends." Helen Meyer will be the hostess for the April meeting, to be held at Shoney's Restaurant.

Other members present were Jean Holder, Catherine Kostoff, Marie Oetken, Bonnie Rutowski, Clara Winter, Ruth Polson, Irene Doroghazi and Chris Hornberger.

### Beta Sigma Phi master chapter meets

The Omicron Master Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority met in the home of Imogene Forrest on Jan. 5.

The meeting was called to order by the president Arlene Haldeman. All joined hands for the opening ritual.

Alice Koneczny presented a program profiling a financial budget. Later in the month the group met in the home of Evelyn Tolliver.

The meetings were attended by Joyce Alexander, Beatrice Brackett, Delores Dorch, Imogene Forrest, Arlene Haldeman, Alice Koneczny, Evelyn Tolliver, and Pat Tsigaloroff.

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# Horoscope

**Thursday, March 24**  
Mercury in Pisces touches Saturn in Pisces, so tough decisions should be made. Matters requiring mental acuity go better than expected. Have lawyers check out all contracts so you don't sign something that could put you in a straitjacket. Your traditional values carry you toward a promotion. Plans that don't come to fruition now will not be forgotten. Take care of your personal appearance.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
Punctuality matters now. Your reputation in relationships could proceed you, but act as if you don't know. All things are new this time around. Rescheduling your responsibilities makes you more amiable.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
Your clients need more care, but your personal touch earns their loyalty forever. A classy romance grows stronger. Consider the flip side of a low-profit arrangement. Education is worth money.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21)**  
Messages returned promptly earn money. At home, do only the most necessary chores because having fun tonight is a healthy necessity. Gifts you choose are popular, but keep your budget in mind.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22)**  
The boss says you are ready to take on bigger assignments — try to delegate tedious tasks to clear your schedule for the new work load. Happenstance brings you face-to-face with romance.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 23)**  
A repeat performance brings you fewer raves, but your work will prosper financially from these honed skills. Pull off a small coup to get out of work, and your children will call you a hero.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 24)**  
You pass tests and reviews with flying colors now and in September. Casual flings could turn to serious love interests. Consider a Libra for marriage. Vacations in June cinch marriage plans. Hold off on a new business venture until your research is complete. July and December are best for making money. Reinvest in your education. Moving is difficult for your family.

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mates for household services are high — try to get better offers. Limited access makes a potential love more affectionate.

**LIBRA (Sept. 22-Oct. 23)**  
A cool facade gets you dates, but it might not get you clients — meet potential business clients with friendliness. You are a stunning contributor to a conversation that used to be over your head.

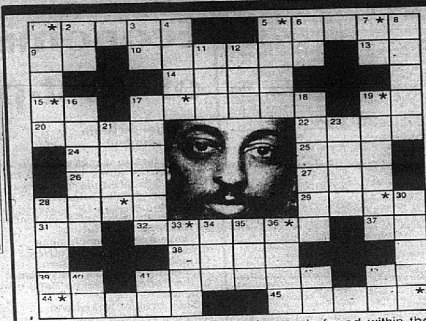
**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)**  
Better days for making lucky guesses come next week — now, your best decisions are made through research. A group of friends wants to have a night on the town with you. Limit your spending.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
Logical conversation gives you a better idea about the intelligence of a romantic prospect. Pending debts may take another week to be paid to you, but you can be sure they will be paid in full.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
A rare opportunity to get to know an attractive compatriot arises — jump on it. New clients are on the conservative side — test the waters before breaking the ice with racy humor.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
Gifts arrive just in time. You are concerned now with the protection and maintenance of your homestead — be thorough without being paranoid. A lover makes a winning financial suggestion.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
Seeing how a happy friend is spurs you to make some positive changes in your routine. Let creative minds have space — especially in your love life. A sweetheart who feels free gives freely.



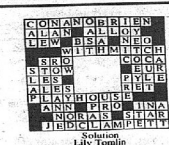
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1. Co-star of *Mad About You*
2. Fulson or Martin
3. *Long Love*; '75
4. *Burt Reynolds* film
5. Series about a governor & his staff ('79-'86)
6. *Harri*; '85 film remake
7. *Stefanie's Hart* to Hart co-star
8. Auto maker's letters
9. *The Wizard of Oz* role
10. Garden tools
11. Word to say following an untruth, '80s-style
12. Spanish gold
13. Ancient Egyptian king
14. Spoil
15. Actor Underbongos
16. Underwater growth
17. Gore
18. Talk show hostess
19. *Concord*; 1970 Jim Brown movie
20. Be bold
21. Commercial
22. Jay North role
23. *Don't*; '81 film of the
24. *Dark*; 1973 TV movie
25. Ida Morgentern's eldest daughter

## DOWN

1. Veronica of *Hill Street Blues*
2. Popular alien
3. *Burton's* initials
4. Lead role in *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*
5. Fly high
6. Initials for Ozzie's wife
7. Suffix for hard or dark
8. Poet for Wendell
9. *Cheers* and others
10. Arrest
11. *Jeannie d'Arc*
12. Mr. Williams
13. Star of *Hearts Afire*
14. Star of *Love and War*
15. Role on *Seinfeld*
16. Person, place or thing
17. Spoken
18. Character on *M\*A\*S\*H*
19. Rebecca's portrayal on *Cheers*
20. Thought
21. Mr. Johnson
22. Sea eagle
23. Part of a harness
24. Dustin's monogram
25. Initials for DeLise
26. Yes, to Julio Iglesias
27. Jackson or Derek



## PREVIOUS WEEK'S ANSWER

**FISH FRY FRIDAY, MARCH 25**  
AND EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT  
4:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.  
Serving COD, CATFISH AND JACK Dinners or Sandwiches (Carryouts Available)  
Soda & Beer Available  
**ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH**  
Johnson and Pontoon Roads

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH**  
**FISH FRY AND EASTER CRAFT SHOW**  
Friday, March 25  
From 4:00-7:00 P.M.  
Good Friday, April 1  
From 3:00-7:00 P.M.  
Don't miss our last two Fish Fries and our beautiful Easter Craft Show. Show is located on the second floor of the Community Center. Everyone Welcome! Our Menu is Great, but the thing we make best at Holy Family is new friend!

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**BIG SALE OF DAYCARE ITEMS**  
SATURDAY, March 26th  
EVERYTHING MUST GO!!  
We announce the sale of left over items from Happy Day Daycare Center. All items priced to sell...sold "as is"...cash and carry (except playground equipment).  
We will open to Certified Daycare Centers (please bring proof of certification) at 7:00 a.m.  
Open to the Public at 8:00 a.m.  
Sale will be held in Fellowship Hall of:  
First Assembly of God  
2350 Grand Avenue  
Granite City, IL 62040  
For more information, call the church at 451-1200.

## Poet, journalist Rodriguez to read from works at SIUE

Poet and journalist Luis Rodriguez — a former Los Angeles gang member now living in Chicago — will read from his work at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, on the campus of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, as the third and final author in the 1994 Reading Series, now in its fourth year at the university. Also as part of the series, Rodriguez will conduct a poetry reading at 1 p.m. Monday, April 4, at a homeless shelter in East St. Louis and a second poetry reading at 7:30 that night at the "River Styx at Duff's Poetry Series," 392 N. Euclid Ave., St. Louis. In addition to the April 5 afternoon reading in the Red Bud-Oak Room of SIUE's University Center, the author will also conduct a creative writing workshop at 2:30 p.m. that day in the Hickory Room of the University Center.

In addition, Rodriguez will conduct a poetry reading at 7 that Tuesday night at State Community College in East St. Louis. There is no admission charge for the four readings.

Rodriguez received an Illinois

Arts Council grant to edit "Fists: Anthology of Young Illinois Poets Ages 18-25" and to publish it through his Tia Chucha Press. He has three published poetry collections, "Poesms Across the Pavement," "The Concrete Poems" and "Running in the Streets," and he has had his work included in Southern California Anthology. Interest in "Running in the Streets," with its many insights into gang culture, led to an appearance on NBC-TV's Today in 1992.

The powerful impact of his reading at SIUE in April 1992 garnered a return invitation to this year. Rodriguez travels widely to lecture, read his poetry and conduct writing workshops, including workshops in homeless shelters.

This year's Reading Series was the first by grants from the Illinois Arts Council (IAC), a state agency, and the SIUE Excellence in Undergraduate Education Program, the series is also supported by the SIUE department of English language and literature and the Eugene B. Redmond Writers Club. IAC also supported the 1992 series and the National Endowment for the Arts supported last year's series.

The program is also made possible through the efforts of Associate Professor Jean Kittrell and Professor Eugene Redmond, both members of the SIUE English language and literature faculty.

For more information, call Professor Kittrell, 602-2060, or from St. Louis toll-free, (314) 691-6168, extension 2660.

## Dance jamboree

Several thousand square and round dancers from a five-state area will gather in Belleville April 1-2 at the Greater St. Louis Folk and Square Dance Federation presents its 46th annual square and round dance jamboree.

Setting for the two-day event for the 26th year will be the Belle Clair Exposition Hall, 200 South Bell East, St. Clair County Fairgrounds.

"Festival of Colors" is the theme selected for the event which is being hosted by the committee which in 1993 produced the 42nd National Square Dance Convention in St. Louis. Rob and Karen Fleher of St. Louis are general chairmen. The program includes square and round dance balls Friday and Saturday evenings, after parties, square, round and country western dance workshops all day Saturday, club activity information and costume displays.

**BAKE SALE & POLISH PIEROGI SALE**  
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9:00 A.M. to NOON  
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Ends Thursday!  
**BLUE CHIPS** 7:00  
**NICK NOLTE** 7:15  
**MRS. DOUBTFIRE** 7:15  
Starts Friday!  
**my girl 2**  
DAN AYKROYD  
JAMIE LE CURTIS  
FRISAT 7:15, 9:30 SAT-THUR  
SUN-THUR 7:15  
Starts Friday!  
**Blank Check**  
FRISAT 7:00, 9:15 SAT-THUR  
SUN-THUR 7:00

**Petite 4**  
344-1708  
1-70 and 167 So. Collinsville, IL  
**STARTS FRIDAY**  
**02 THE MIGHTY DUCKS**  
PG-13  
FRIDAY 7:00, 9:30  
Daily 1:15, 3:30, 7:00, 9:30  
**STARTS FRIDAY**  
**NAKED GUN 3.5 THE FINAL INSULT**  
PG-13  
FRIDAY 7:00, 9:00  
Daily 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00  
**geena davis**  
**angie**  
FRIDAY 7:00, 9:15  
Daily 1:00, 3:00, 7:00, 9:15  
**LIGHTNING JACK**  
FRIDAY 7:15, 9:30  
Daily 1:15, 3:30, 7:15, 9:30  
**ENDS THURSDAY My Girl 2** PG 7:15, 9:30  
All Shows Before 6pm \$3.25 all ages.  
Daily Mats. 3/26-4/3

## MOVIE SCHEDULE

Film timetable for Thursday, March 24. For times on other days or to confirm these times, check local theaters.

**CARMIKE PETITE**  
170 and Hwy. 157, Collinsville, 344-1708  
Naked Gun 3.5 (PG-13) 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00  
My Girl 2 (PG) 1:15, 3:30, 7:15, 9:30  
Lightning Jack (PG-13) 1:15, 3:30, 7:15, 9:30  
**COTTONWOOD EDWARDSVILLE CINEMA**  
Edwardsville, Ill.  
Blank Check (PG) 1:45, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15  
Grumpy Old Men (PG-13) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:45  
Mrs. Doubtfire (PG-13) 1:15, 4:00, 6:45, 9:30  
**NAMEOKI CINEMA**  
50 Nashville Village, 677-6630  
Blue Chips (PG-13) 2:00, 7:00  
Mrs. Doubtfire (PG-13) 2:30, 7:15  
**PLAZA TWIN CINEMA**  
1264 Camp Jackson Rd., Cahokia, Ill.  
My Girl 2 (PG) 2:00, 7:00

**Madison Lions Club Annual**  
**PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST**  
PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 1994  
7:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.  
**MADISON RECREATION CENTER**  
Seventh & Lee, Madison, Ill.  
Adults \$3.50 Children 12 and Under \$1.50

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